

Nationalist fails to get writ for Cardiff issued

BY-ELECTION

A move by Plaid Cymru, the Welsh nationalist party, to force the Government to issue a writ for a by-election in Cardiff... Monday deemed it appropriate to inform the Press Gallery that there would not be a by-election there...



Wigley: Electors being led a merry dance.

Mr Foot is one he could not even begin to tackle... Mr Foot (Ipswich, Lab) said that at times one of the earliest winds in Britain was that of the... MacGregor: East Anglia has done best.

Foot says Labour is ready for general election

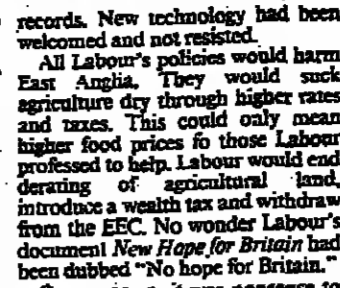
PM'S QUESTIONS

Prolonged Conservative laughter greeted Mr Michael Foot's assertion during Prime Minister's questions that Labour was happy to have a general election at any time... Mr Foot: Does her reply not mean that the figures given by her to the... Mr Healey is afraid of an election: he is frightened. Our record of 13

Coldest wind blows across fens

UNEMPLOYMENT

East Anglia had long been neglected, Mr Kenneth Weetch, Opposition spokesman, said in opening a Commons debate on the effects of Government policies on the region... The people of East Anglia were not given to demonstrations of belligerence or shows of indignation in public places, industrial relations were among the best in Britain...



MacGregor: East Anglia has done best.

The health service in East Anglia had received the highest rate of revenue growth of any region in the country in 1982-83 and 1983-84... The East Anglian economy depended crucially on small businesses and the self-employed...

Conservative industrial relations legislation would lead Britain back to the winter of discontent which caused such agony in East Anglia... Mr Clement Freud (Isle of Ely, Lib) said the pig, poultry and glass... Mr Keith Statton (Sudbury and Woodbridge, Con) said East Anglia was most anxiously awaiting clarification of the East Coast... Mr John Garrett (Norwich, South, Lab) said too much Government money had been used to destroy the landscape...

Checking up on students as doctors

HEALTH SERVICE

Final year medical students are allowed to cover restricted duties when their seniors are on leave but any allegations that the proper arrangements are not being followed... Mr Clarke: There are very clear arrangements under which any limited extent of year medical students can take part in treatment...

Mr Clarke: That is entirely right. It cannot be the case in the practice of medicine that someone can be turned overnight from a student into a qualified doctor... Mr Peter Viggers (Gosport, C): Students under proper control have always taken care of patients and without this opportunity it would not be possible for them to gain experience...

Further talks on a closer partnership... Official Labour Party pledges and the pledges of Mr Tony Benn (Bristol, South-East, Lab) on the health service... Mr Cyril Townsend (Boxley, Beeston, C) had asked him if he had further plans to develop a

Publicity by opticians

An immediate review of the rules for publicity by opticians is being undertaken with a view to laying proposals for changes of the rules before the General Optical Council on June 23... Director General of Fair Trading had identified...

Edgobaston, CJ. The existence of the private sector is of great benefit also towards their own health care... Mr Fowles: That is a question for the Chancellor. She is right when she says that private health adds to the sum total of care... Mr Fowles: The private sector adds to total health care and it must be the right of any individual to use his

order to make money. Because that is their motive they have a financial incentive to undertake treatment in situations where it should not be given... Mr Allen McKay (Peistone, Lab) was given leave to introduce a Bill... Mr Fowles: I am prepared to look at any individual case like that, but the Government's policy is to encourage partnership between the private sector and the NHS...

Private nuclear stations possible

ENERGY BILL

Fears about the prospect of privately owned nuclear power stations in the United Kingdom were unfounded in the light of the system of licensing and protection which existed to ensure safe nuclear power, the Earl of Avon, Under Secretary of State for Energy, told the House of Lords during the committee stage of the Energy Bill... The Government was satisfied that any private development would take place within a well established and highly efficient framework of regulatory control...

owned and operated by the private sector. The Government believed the freedom of the private sector should be allowed to go ahead with nuclear stations as well as with conventional power stations... The Earl of Avon said he was prepared to consider a suggestion that local authorities be regarded as private generators in relation to the supply and sale of electricity... Lord Strabolgi said there was no justification for asking local authorities as a second class sector...

The amendment was withdrawn... The Earl of Avon said the Government saw no reason why local authorities should be regarded as private generators in terms of use of the transmission and distribution system... Mr Oliver Walston is a 'grain baron' and makes no secret of his prosperity. He farms 3,000 acres of high quality land in Cambridgeshire and, as a broadcaster on Anglia Television and contributor to farming magazines, he delights in infuriating his fellow farmers by telling them how rich they are and how grateful they should be...

Computer-aided breath tests

Self-check system aids police

Breath-testing devices to be used in police stations next month as part of changes in the law on drinking and driving were officially introduced by the Home Office yesterday... The second test could not, therefore, take place until at least half an hour, and probably nearer one hour, had elapsed since alcohol was consumed... Blood or urine samples may only be taken if the motorist's breath sample is between 35 and 50 micrograms. Above that level, the evidence is regarded as incontestable. Only exceptional health reasons, such as a bronchial attack, can permit a motorist to refuse an evidential breath test...

Support pledge to Channel 4

The Independent Television Companies Association yesterday denied that it was about to ask the Independent Broadcasting Authority to close Channel 4 until the costly dispute involving fees paid to actors for advertisements is resolved... Rupert Morris using one of the new breath-testing machines, which are controlled by microprocessors...

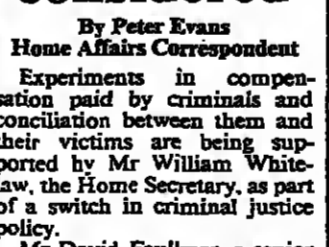
New cures for crime considered

Experiments in compensation paid by criminals and reconciliation between them and their victims are being supported by Mr William Whitelaw, the Home Secretary, as part of a switch in criminal justice policy... Mr David Faulkner, a senior Home Office official responsible for crime policy planning, said in a lecture to the Howard League for Penal Reform last night that a lead was being given by the department to new ways of dealing with crime and reducing mounting pressure on the forces of law and order... There had been a three-fold increase, allowing for inflation, in overall expenditure on law and order over the past twenty years. In relation to population, recorded crime had risen 200 per cent over a similar period...

Farming in Britain: 3

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John Young, Agriculture Correspondent, talks to a father and son who share satisfaction and optimism.

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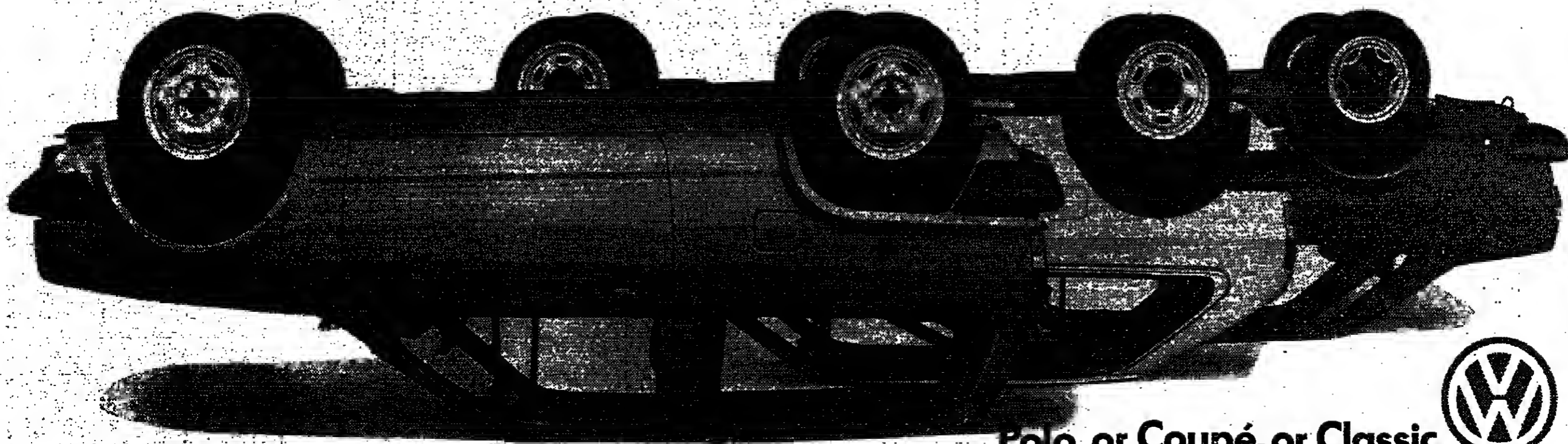
To say that there is no such person as a poor farmer in Britain is absurd. But equally there are many who enjoy a wealthy and privileged existence, only a handful of whom are prepared to admit it... In the last 10 years yields of all crops from the Walstons' land have doubled, culminating in last year's 'fantastic' harvest. Sugar beet, for example, which had previously averaged 10 or 11 tonnes an acre, and in some years as little as 6 or 7 tonnes, rose to an astonishing 22 tonnes... Both men recognized that there must come a time when profit margins are trimmed, perhaps simply as a result of a couple of seasons of bad weather. 'If our yields came down just from three tonnes to two-and-a-half, we would be in trouble', Mr Walston points out...

Both men recognized that there must come a time when profit margins are trimmed, perhaps simply as a result of a couple of seasons of bad weather... 'As a result we were able to get financial help to buy all sorts of things that we would have bought anyway... His son believes that farmers are open to attacks on three fronts that they are seen to be taking at the taxpayer's expense: that they are damaging the environment, and that, as landowners, they are enjoying access to the countryside which is denied to the public at large... 'Signs everywhere proclaim, annually, that visitors are welcome, provided they observe certain rules. They should stick to footpaths, keep dogs under control and not leave gates open... Lord Walston says: 'Farmers have brought a lot of criticism down on themselves. They need to judge everything by what is good for the farm. If they choose to live in splendid isolation, they cannot be surprised if suddenly the footpath campaigners and the animal welfare placards appear on their doorsteps.'

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Polo. It's a tough choice.

Faced with its record of durability, reliability and safety, the choice between other small cars and the Volkswagen Polo is easy. Faced with the alternatives of a square-backed Polo, the Classic with a boot, or the new Coupé, choosing between Polos is much tougher.



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Kohl cools tension over death of tourist on East German border

From Michael Blayon, Bonn

Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Government was at pains yesterday not to exacerbate the sharp deterioration in relations with East Germany which has resulted from the death of a West German traveller to Berlin during questioning by East German border guards.

Sir Harold in Moscow

From Richard Owen, Moscow

Sir Harold Wilson returned to the international stage in Moscow yesterday to calm the troubled state of Anglo-Soviet relations and baffle the Russians with a series of deeply felt attacks on "Trotsky".



Walesa held for third time in week

Mr Lech Walesa, the former Solidarity leader, was interrogated by Polish authorities yesterday for the third time in a week, this time about the alleged disappearance of several million zloties from the union account in Wroclaw.

Papusoiu ordered to leave Austria

Mr Stancu Papusoiu, the young Romanian whose deportation from Britain last month led to widespread protests, has now been ordered out of Austria.

Cleric tells of beatings and torture

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

The Methodist minister who jumped bail in South Africa, and fled to Britain, said yesterday that he had thereby saved several friends of his from prison.



Meeting the press: Mr Mayson (left) and Canon Paul Oestreich, international secretary of the British Council of Churches. Photograph: Harry Kerr.

of the facts alleged in the charges against him, but not the crucial allegation that he was thereby seeking in further the aims of the African National Congress, a treasonable offence.

Russians expel Briton

From Our Own Correspondent, Moscow

Mr Edward Chick, a 27-year-old Briton, was expelled from the Soviet Union on Monday for "spreading hostile materials".

No sign of Israelis softening terms for troop withdrawal

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

In a gesture of defiance against the extremists who devastated the American Embassy in Beirut, the thirty-first round of the tripartite talks aimed at securing the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon opened precisely on schedule yesterday in the Israeli resort of Netanya.

Rome clears its mayor

Rome (Reuters) - Rome's communist mayor and two party colleagues were cleared of wrongdoing by a Rome magistrate investigating the alleged embezzlement of public funds.

Police break up Korean protest

Seoul - Helmeted police using tear gas and batons broke up a demonstration by about 800 students protesting against the alleged lack of democracy in South Korea on the anniversary of the 1960 student uprising.

Uganda official found murdered

Kampala (Reuters) - The bullet-riddled body of Mr Rajah Lutaya, an official of Uganda's opposition Democratic Party, was found by a roadside three days after he was taken from his home by men in police uniforms.

French likely to cancel South Africa rugby tour

From Diana Geddes, Paris

The French rugby team's proposed tour of South Africa this summer seems likely to be cancelled despite the unanimous decision yesterday by the rugby federation's management committee that the tour should go ahead.

McCartney loses suit on paternity

From Our Own Correspondent, Bonn

A West Berlin family court has ordered Mr Paul McCartney, the former Beatle, to pay a monthly sum of 705 Deutschmarks (£150) to a 20-year-old Berlin woman who says she is his illegitimate daughter.

Aga Khan's gift

Dar es Salaam (AFP) - The Aga Khan, whose Ismaili community here has 15 million followers, has pledged to give Tanzania \$50m (about £40m) to help rehabilitate tourist hotels and factories run by his Industrial Promotion Services.

Crowd fired on

Delhi (Reuters) - Police opened fire to break up a stone-throwing crowd yesterday in the Marxist-ruled state of Tripura in eastern India. Five people were wounded during the incident in the state capital of Agartala.

Bombs kill 3

Valencia (AFP) - A police lieutenant was killed here when a bomb placed under his car exploded. In a separate incident, two people were killed when a bomb went off, apparently inside their car.

Correction

The Nationalist Party boycott of the Maltese Parliament, mentioned in a report on April 11, ended on March 25.

Attenborough tour off

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Sir Richard Attenborough, director of the award winning film Gandhi, will not now be making a promotional tour of South Africa where his film goes out on general release to racially segregated audiences at the end of this week.

Kay and Dennis Jelliman are incurable. They're not unhelpable.

Dennis Jelliman came to us some 18 years ago, suffering from multiple sclerosis. Some years later, Kay moved in, also suffering from MS. They met and fell in love. Four years ago they were married from the Hospital. Now they live in a sunny double bedsit in the modern Chatsworth Wing and, although confined to wheelchairs, they visit friends in and out of the Hospital, go on outings, and have had two holidays in Jersey.

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Chernenko fails to attend Politburo meeting

From Richard Owen, Moscow

The failure of Mr Konstantin Chernenko to appear in a Politburo line-up at a key meeting of the leadership has reinforced reports circulating in Moscow that factional struggles are continuing with in the Kremlin.

Mr Chernenko, who was President Brezhnev's protégé but lost the leadership battle to Mr Yuri Andropov last November, was not among senior Politburo members who attended a Central Committee meeting on agriculture on Monday addressed by Mr Andropov. A report of the meeting on the front page of *Pravda* yesterday listed all 11 other Politburo members.

Mr Chernenko is not known to have been in bad health, and always appears relatively fit, so that illness is being discounted as an explanation. Earlier this month "ill health" was given as the reason for Mr Chernenko's unexpected absence from a conference in east Berlin.

Mr Chernenko initially dropped from view after the party leadership contest nearly six months ago, but has recently reemerged into the limelight. He chaired a Soviet block meeting on ideology in Moscow in mid-March, and appeared on the platform next to Mr Andropov and Mr Nikolai Tikhonov, the Prime Minister at a Kremlin meeting at the end



Grimacing in the rain: The royal couple still smiling despite their broken-down Rolls-Royce

Royal couple revive their reputation as rainmakers

From Grantia Forbes of the Press Association, Auckland

The Prince and Princess of Wales received a soaking in New Zealand yesterday in weather fit only for ducks.

It was hot and fine last time Prince Charles was here two years ago, but this visit by the royal couple has been dogged by cold, wet conditions. Despite forecasts of better weather, it rained as the Prince and Princess opened Milford School, near Auckland.

The Princess, again wearing her pale yellow woollen dress and matching hat against the weather, reached for a big black umbrella as soon as she stepped from the royal Rolls-Royce and as the couple started a walkabout through the grounds of the new boarding school, which teaches children to be "water wise", they quickly sent for mackintoshes.

Opening the centre, Prince Charles could not resist a reference to the couple's reputation, built up during the tour of Australia and New Zealand, as rain-makers.

He said: "I am not exactly positive whether we brought the rain from Australia or whether it is some of the rain that soaked the Queen in California which has taken six weeks to cross the Pacific."

The weather even had the last word as they were leaving to attend a fire service display when the waiting Rolls-Royce, lent by the Governor General, failed to start because of ignition problems caused by the rain. As the driver, Mr Fred Page, aged 60, struggled beneath the bonnet, the Prince and Princess delighted the crowds by going for another short walkabout. Finally, a black Daimler had to be used instead.

Prince Charles suffered from food poisoning in Australia and his temperature soared to 104 degrees, according to Mr John Maxwell, a factory foreman, who said the Prince told him of the brief illness when they met yesterday.

Right forces head of Salvadoran defence to resign

San Salvador (NYT) - General José Guillermo García, El Salvador's Minister of Defence, under attack from both American and Salvadoran authorities for his management of the war against a leftwing insurgency, resigned on Monday.

General García had been criticized by the extreme right for his support of the land redistribution programme and the provisional Government that came to power after the election last year.

General Carlos Eugenio Vides Casanova, the director of the National Guard, was nominated by the provisional President Alvaro Magaña as Defence Minister.

Considered a political moderate, General Vides Casanova was named guard commander in 1979 in an effort to end the organization's excesses. His appointment as Defence Minister is subject to confirmation by the 60-member Constituent Assembly.

General García was appointed to the military junta formed after the overthrow of General Carlos Humberto Romero in 1979 and is the last member of the group to remain in the Government. He was considered a conservative representative on the junta, but as other, more left-leaning, military members were forced out he rose in prominence and played a role in stabilizing the country's civilian Government.

Last year, he emerged as the crucial government supporter of the land redistribution programme, a project backed by the United States.

His support brought criticism from the far right and there were rumours of a possible coup last autumn. Early this year, as the leftwing guerrillas began to have a series of successes in the countryside, General García became the focus for American as well as Salvadoran frustrations with the course of the war.

These frustrations became public when a little known commander of a north-eastern province refused in January to accept an order transferring him to the Salvadoran Embassy in Uruguay until the Defence Minister resigned.

General García offered his resignation at a meeting attended by other commanders on March 18, but it was not accepted by President Magaña.

According to a political source, President Magaña gave the continuance of American aid as one of the reasons for his continued support of the Defence Minister. The Americans, the source said, then made it clear that the United States supported the institution and not necessarily one man.

"This month, however, when Colonel Juan Rafael Bustillo, the Air Force Commander, threatened to resign if General Vides Casanova was not named President Magaña was forced to act. Minutes before Colonel Bustillo's deadline, he received a telephone call from the Presidential House saying that General García would resign on Monday.

Mexico breakthrough eludes Shultz

From Joan Carlin, Mexico City

Mr George Shultz the American Secretary of State ended his first day of talks on Central America with Senor Bernardo Sepúlveda, the Mexican Foreign Minister, with plenty of agreement on objectives for the war-torn region but little of substance on means of reaching them.

A US Administration official said in Mexico City on Monday night that both governments wished to see a lasting and peaceful solution to the escalating conflicts in Central America, and that they would like to work together for healthy economies and pluralistic political systems in the region.

But when pressed on whether Mr Shultz had got any nearer to overcoming the traditional differences between Mexico and the United States on their visions of the Central American dilemma, the American official had to concede that no breakthrough had been made.

The United States conceives of Central America predominantly as a stage for superpower confrontation, while Mexico sees the region's problems in more local terms, as the product of centuries-old social injustices.

Nevertheless, Senor Sepúlveda said it was urgent that these differences should somehow be reconciled if a lasting peace was to be achieved in Central America. The meetings Senor Sepúlveda and Mr Shultz were due to have yesterday would be crucial in the rapidly desired wish on both sides for a certain rapprochement on the views of how this could best be done.

Mr Shultz has been accompanied on his Mexican visit by Mr Donald Regan, the United States Treasury Secretary, who had four hours of talks on Monday with Senor Jesus Silva Herzog, the Mexican Finance Minister, on the prospects for Mexico's battered economy. A United States Treasury spokesman said at the end of the day's talks that they had been favourably impressed with the Mexican Government's analysis of their country's economic predicament.

Mexico, with a foreign debt of \$8.500m (£5,500m), depends on oil exports for more than 70 per cent of its foreign earnings. Financial analysts fear that if the oil price continues to fall, the international banking community, with United States banks on the front line, might be obliged once again to bail out Mexico.

Austrians prepare to vote Kreisky's popularity will ensure party victory

From David Blow, Vienna

The Austrians have been accustomed to have only two to three per cent unemployment over decades, he says. "Should we wait until we are in the same situation as the Germans or even the British?"

Dr Moeke, former diplomat, aged 46, is fighting his first general election since he became leader of the People's Party in 1979. His main attack is levelled against what he sees as the reckless policy of the Social Democrat Government of borrowing and spending its way out of the economic crisis. He says that this has imposed a heavy burden of debt and taxation, but has done little to create jobs.

He wants to see much more attention given to Austria's small and medium-sized private enterprises, which provide 80 per cent of jobs, and insists: "If we move about three per cent of our expenditure into promoting investment, we can recover full employment in four to five years."

The People's Party, whose traditional colour is a sombre clerical black, has acquired a green tinge in recent years. It strongly supports the 1978 referendum decision against the use of nuclear power in Austria, a decision which Dr Kreisky would like to see reversed. It also tends to adopt something of a "small is beautiful" approach in opposing the more grandiose projects of the Social Democrats, such as the huge new conference centre being built in Vienna.

But in the run-up to the election all the main parties have been at pains to dispel their "green" credentials for fear of losing votes to the two new green parties.

Austrians are not natural radicals and the Austrian "greens" have little in common with their West German namesakes quite apart from the fact that there is no nuclear issue to exploit. Their real significance is as protest movement against the apparent immobility and all-pervasive influence of the two big parties.

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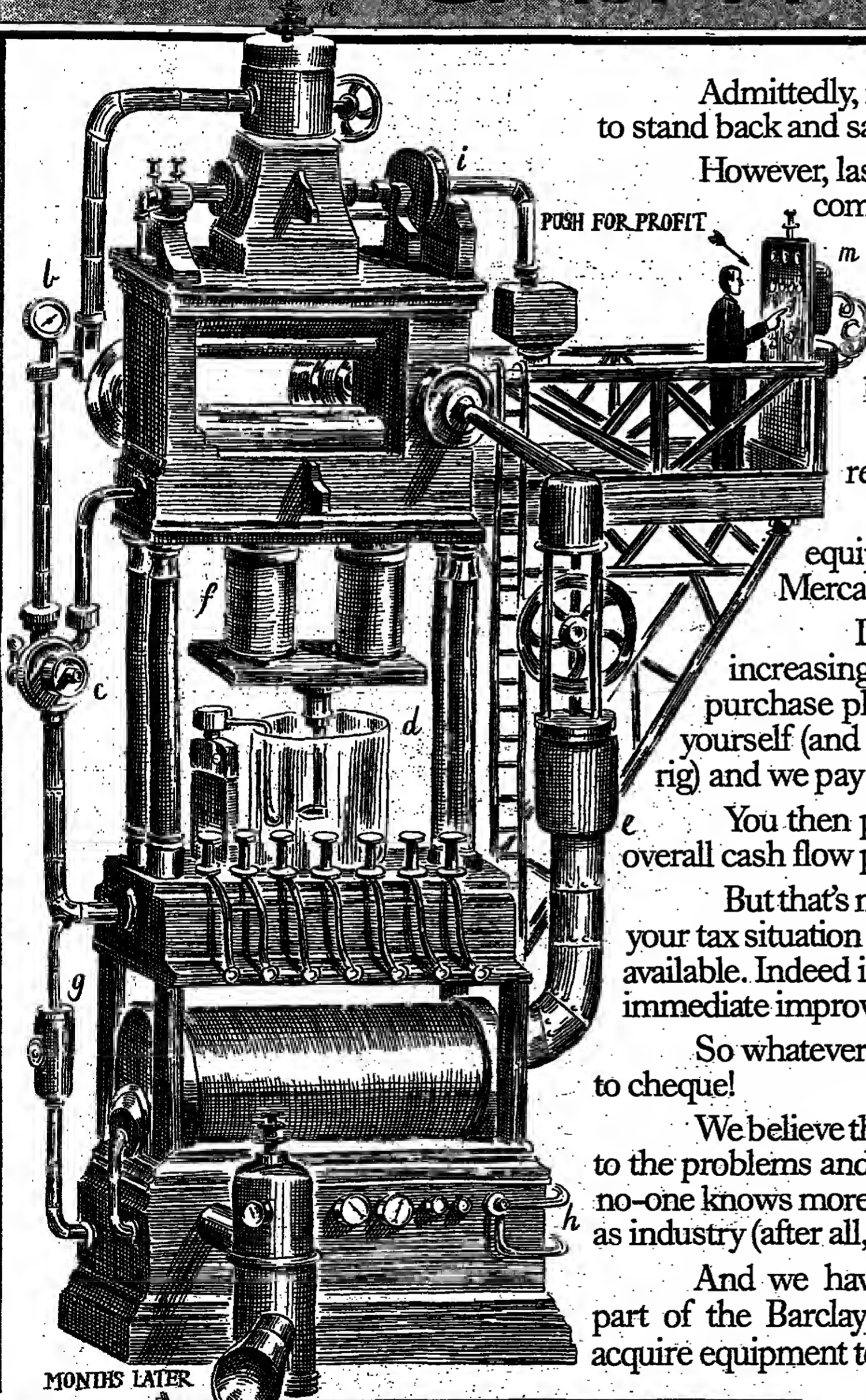
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A SPECIAL REPORT

TEA

We had a kettle, we let it leak,
Our not repairing it made it worse,
We haven't had any tea for a week,
The bottom is out of the universe.

Reviewed by Kyling

A large mug of gently steaming, which brown liquid stands on my desk in front of me as I type this. Cheaper, more ubiquitous and less pernicious than either nicotine or alcohol, tea remains unchallenged as our national drink, or drug.

If we exclude plain tap water, tea accounts for more than half our total liquid consumption. We are by far the largest importers in the world, and only the Irish drink more per head than we do.

That we should have made ourselves so dependent on a totally non-indigenous plant, grown thousands of miles away in tropical Asia and Africa, is extraordinary. But we should, it seems, be grateful, without tea, our addiction might well have taken a more destructive turn. "In the bracing climate of the north," according to an entertaining book published by Thompson, Lloyd and Ewart, the tea brokers, "men will go to almost any lengths to avoid drinking plain water." It points out that in medieval times the monks of Abingdon were entitled to three gallons of beer each, while those at Battle were rationed to a gallon of wine.

If the book's author, P. J. Banyard, is to be believed, the "capricious" behaviour of medieval people may well be explained by their dependence on alcohol. From what we know of 18th century drinking habits, which are more fully chronicled, there is much to be said for his assertion that tea and coffee have provided "an immense service to civilisation."

The supposition nowadays is that we drink them in preference to stronger stimulants because they are cheaper. Were the Chancellor in a moment of aberration to remove all duties on wine, it is said, we would follow the example of the French and the Italians and do terrible damage to our livers.

But history does not support this view. When tea took Britain by storm in the 17th and 18th centuries, it was a very expensive drink; a pound of the cheapest variety would cost a skilled worker about one third of his weekly wage and, until the high duties were repealed in 1784, smuggling was widespread.

Ironicly, it is only in recent years, when the cost for most people has been relatively insignificant, that tea drinking in Britain has declined. Between 1967 and 1978 consumption fell by about 20 per cent from over 200,000 tonnes to little more than 160,000 tonnes, although in the last three or four years the trend has been reversed.

The main competition at first was from coffee, with the rapid growth of coffee bars in the late 1950s and early 1960s, belated successors to the 17th century coffee houses which, ironically,

owed their decline to the advent of tea. They proved to be a short lived phenomenon, but the "coffee habit" was retained and strengthened by the ready availability of a wide range of instant brands.

From 1972 onwards, according to Mr Jim Munday, executive director of the Tea Council, consumer preferences, particularly among young people, turned to soft drinks. Since 1978 the council's advertising, primarily on television and in magazines, has been aimed at giving tea a more sophisticated image.

Unlike the clever but short-lived "Join the Tea Set" posters in the 1960s, the campaign appears to have worked. The council's latest annual report says that it has been particularly successful in changing the attitude to tea among young people, especially young housewives. There also appears to be a widespread view, in this health conscious age, that tea is better for you than coffee.

The revival of tea drinking in Britain, together with its growing popularity in the United States, Poland and West Germany, has come not a moment too soon for the industry. During the latter part of last year, according to Mr Alban Davies, the council's chairman, supply and demand were broadly in balance for the first time since 1976.

In that year there was a fall in world production and an outbreak of panic buying, which led to soaring prices and subsequent collapse. This time, he believes, the picture is altogether healthier.

A steady growth in world demand is needed to absorb a similarly steady growth in production; between 1970 and 1981 total exports rose from 651,000 tonnes to 851,000 tonnes. The three giants are still India, China and Sri Lanka (which, interestingly, still calls its product *Ceylon* tea), but other countries are moving up the table fast, notably Kenya and Malawi.

For Third World countries tea is a convenient cash crop, relatively easy to grow and labour intensive. It was this

realization that led to the collapse of the old voluntary quota system in the mid-1950s. Since then fears that supply would outstrip demand have led to protracted talks on an international quota system under the auspices of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (Unctad). So far the talks have made no headway, and there is little optimism about any agreement in the foreseeable future.

The other great change that has overtaken the trade has been the decline in importance of the auction market. The traditional auction is still held every Monday at Sir John Lyon House, in Upper Thames Street, and there are others in Colombo, Calcutta, Cochim, Mombasa, Jakarta and Chittagong. Whereas at one time auctions accounted for about half of all British sales, their volume slumped last year alone from 82,000 tonnes to 59,000 tonnes.

High interest rates and producers' increasing reluctance to wait several months for payment have discouraged distributors from carrying large stocks in warehouses. Instead most tea is now bought on contract in the country of origin, and stocks are frequently kept afloat in container ships as being cheaper than storage ashore.

These developments have not been universally welcomed. Mr Jagdish Khatar, director of promotion in the London office of the Tea Board of India, maintains that an increasing proportion of substandard tea is being imported into Britain, and that the overall quality has declined as a result.

Teas are regularly sold under their purported places of origin, such as Ceylon, Assam, or Kenya, when in fact they are blends from various sources, he claims. For example, the lovely aromatic Darjeeling tea can, for climatic reasons, be grown only in the foothills of the Himalayas, and production is limited to about 10,000 tonnes a year. Yet Mr Khatar estimates that between three of four times that amount is packed and retailed as Darjeeling.

Under the Trade Description Act packers need only mention in small print that teas are blends from various sources. The Indian Government has formally asked Britain to implement minimum standards for imports, but has had no success to date.

Sterling's recent decline has been bad news for the producer countries since it is historically the currency in which nearly all trade is conducted. But it has certainly helped to boost sales in Britain: Mr Munday is able to claim that a home-made cup of Darjeeling (presumably real Darjeeling) costs less than a cup of instant coffee.

"The greatest growth potential is undoubtedly at the quality end of the market," he says. "Go into supermarkets and you will see shelves full of speciality blends. Tea is becoming trendy again. There is even a shop in Covent Garden which sells nothing else."

Health consciousness also helped sales of tea, and the recession, he admits. "It has not done us any harm. Tea has for so long been part of the wallpaper that its virtues tend to have been forgotten. Now it is reclaiming its proper status. Even tea dances are making a comeback."

John Young

CHINA

The art and its name

China, which taught us the art of tea cultivation and gave the drink its name, may well have reemerged as the world's largest producer. Official figures for 1982 of 370,000 tonnes put it second to India; but there is a substantial unrecorded amount of tea grown in small quantities and used locally. Estimates of actual production range from about 620,000 tonnes to nearly one million tonnes.

It is thought that China has about 2.5 million acres of tea fields, roughly 45 per cent of the world's total. These are mainly in the subtropical south-east and centre of the country, in the provinces of Yunnan, Guangxi, Guangdong, Sichuan, Guizhou, Hunan, Hubei, Jiangxi, Zhejiang, Anhui, Henan, Jiangsu, Fujian and Shaanxi.

Production is expected to increase by between 3 and 5 per cent a year into the 1990s, mainly to meet domestic demand. According to a Chinese tea delegation which visited the United States last year, 90 per cent of China's population of more than 1,000 million drink tea every day. A



Eric Tye, chief blender at Ty-Phoo, with the tools of his trade. About 25 different teas go into the average packet.

man is likely to put down six to 12 (albeit small) cups and a woman three to eight cups.

Most of this is green tea; of which there are thousands of varieties in China. Of the officially recorded production in 1982, it is estimated that 275,000 tonnes, or nearly 75 per cent, was of green tea. The Chinese delegation said that about 60 per cent of the increased output in the coming years would be in green tea and 40 per cent in black.

However, it is the smaller, black tea production which has caught the attention of the outside world. More than 95 per cent of the world tea trade is in black tea and it is with this type that China has the better chance of earning foreign currency. Its exports of both black and green teas have more than doubled since 1970 and now stand at about 50,000 tonnes each. The black goes mainly to Europe and the United States and the green to other Asian countries and North Africa.

China's growing international importance has aroused fears among the biggest black tea exporters, India, Sri Lanka and Kenya, that they will be ousted from their leading positions by

the "dumping" of vast quantities of cheap Chinese tea on the world market.

These fears are probably exaggerated. First, huge domestic demand will take care of most of the increase in Chinese production. Secondly, as a country which is desperately short of hard currency, China would presumably not wish to engineer a collapse in tea prices.

Britain is the largest overseas market for Chinese tea, followed by the United States and Pakistan, and last year our imports from China jumped by nearly 97 per cent to 11,804 tonnes.

Several factors lie behind this increase. The most important concern changes in production and distribution. First, the Chinese have improved quality by greater use of fertiliser and modern machinery (some of it copied from Western models). Secondly, they are catering increasingly for tea bags - which account for 60 per cent of the British market - by manufacturing tea with small and precisely sized leaves. Thirdly, in the last two years they have switched to shipping their tea in standard

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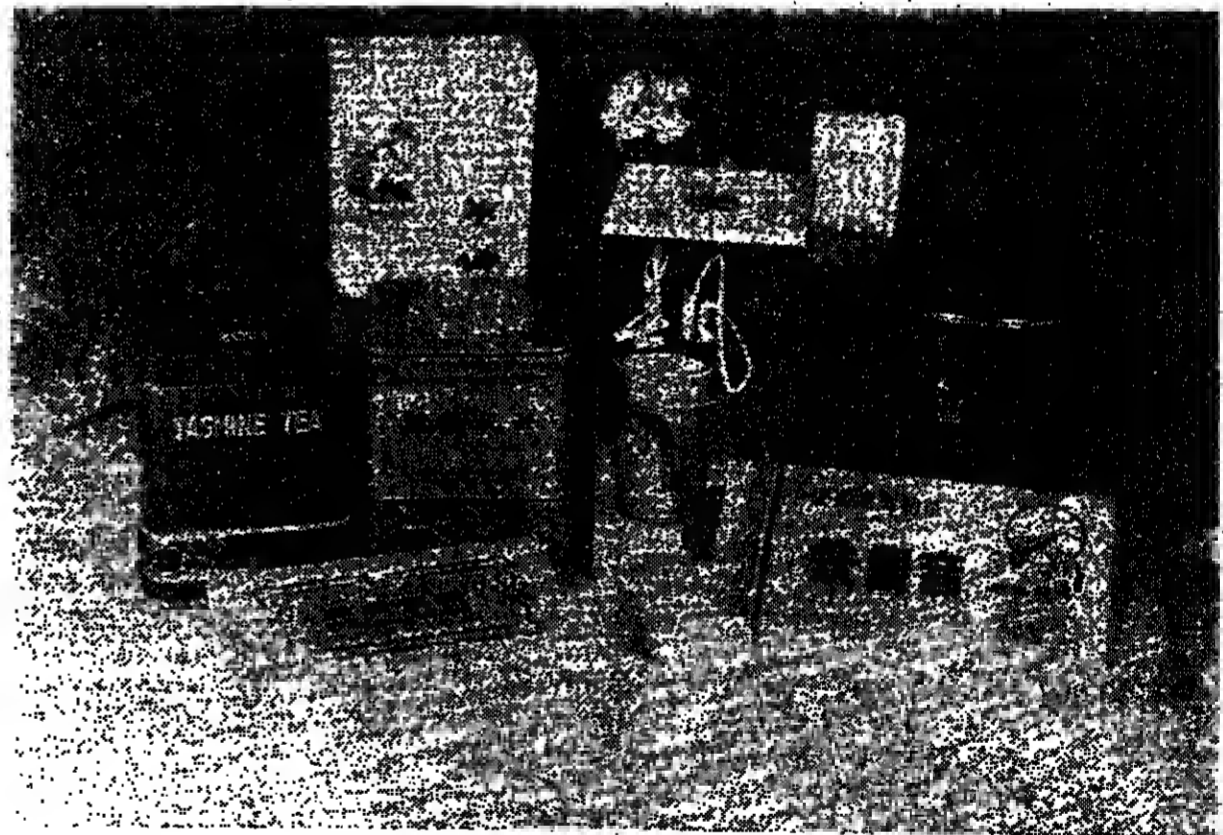


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SPECTRUM

Tourists and brass bands helped Hitler to create detailed plans for an invasion of Ireland, described in the second extract from a new book by Robert Fisk

The Nazis' Irish guidebook

In the summer of 1940, few people outside Ireland could have had a more detailed knowledge of the Irish border than the cartographers of the Wehrmacht's Department for War Maps and Surveys in Berlin...

Seventeen pages carried thumb-nail sketches of 233 cities, towns and villages on both sides of the Irish border and one map even outlined in black and grey shading those parts of the island that were Irish-speaking...

The recipients of this brisk historical analysis were to be the men of the 4th and 7th German Army Corps under General Leonhard Kaupisch, who in August 1940 was ordered to prepare detailed plans for an amphibious operation against Ireland...

The plans for the invasion of Ireland, classified "Top Secret" and "Very Urgent", were distributed in 32 copies by the German High Command on August 8, and at least one set of these instructions - still in its brown envelope bearing the wax seal of the German eagle and swastika - survived the war...

From the French ports of Lorient, St Nazaire and Nantes, an initial force of

Abridged from In Time of War by Robert Fisk, published by André Deutsch on April 25, price £25

The helmets look German but the troops are Irish. The Nazi generals expected "no substantial resistance" and planned to use lightly-armed infantry and commando units in their assault.



Almost 4000 troops were to sail from three French ports and land on the Irish coast between Wexford and Dungarvan. They were then to push some 30 miles inland and establish a bridgehead running from Gorey across Mount Leinster and into Dungarvan.

failure, in which case "landing at another point must be attempted". Withdrawal should take place "only in an extreme state of emergency".

Only three German divisions would take part in the first stages of the Irish invasion: 40 were scheduled to participate in Operation Sealion. It is possible that the German High Command never seriously intended to invade Ireland and there is evidence that they deliberately publicized Operation Green to stretch British defence preparations in advance of Sealion.

radio traffic that suggested the British themselves were about to attack Eire. On December 3, 1940, he ordered Admiral Raeder's naval staff to investigate the chances of occupying Ireland. According to the record of that day's Führer Conference, Hitler believed that "a landing in Ireland can be attempted only if Ireland requests help."

In fact, the Germans had already offered de Valera's government quantities of British guns captured at Dunkirk - the Irish prudently turned them down - and all Raeder's men could offer Hitler was the possibility that German blockade runners carrying weapons and ammunition might get through to Irish ports in the winter

community founded upon equality for all, but associates with this an extraordinary personal oed for independence which easily leads to indiscipline and pugnacity...

The handbook also contained an extremely detailed description of the Ardara power station on the Shannon, together with a map and diagram that was presumably furnished by the German architects who designed the plant. The list of Irish cities and towns which the volume also included was an amalgam of population figures and industrial geography although it failed to mention important military details.

Some of the information was absurd. The German authors disclosed, for instance, that Magherafelt in County Londonderry was "a town with a big rectangular market square in the centre from which roads go to the north, south, east and west directions", an observation that was unlikely to be of immediate use to a German tank commander under fire.

The separate volume of photographs that accompanied this booklet contained 120 illustrations, most of them copies of postcards or newspaper pictures. These may have given the German Army a general idea of the sort of country they were invading but would have been of little military use.

Picture 19, for instance, shows a thatched cottage in the Kerry mountains outside of which a hen, two cows, an old woman in a long skirt, a small boy and a man in a bowler hat stare suspiciously at the camera. The caption announces: "People and animals often live together in one or two-roomed huts when there is no stable."

None of this material was likely to commend itself to diligent members of the Wehrmacht. The photographs of Ireland's cities might have proved

The plans show that Operation Green was to have been a bold and extremely hazardous affair

the south-east of Ireland, if only to draw off British troops in Northern Ireland who might otherwise be sent to southern England to oppose Sealion.

There can be little doubt that the Germans did eventually plan to occupy the entire British Isles, and when their newly-formed Military Economic Staff for England - Wehrwirtschaftsstab England - met at the beginning of September 1940, they included Dublin among the six German administrative headquarters that were to have been set up in the two islands.

In the following month, however, Hitler took a personal interest in an invasion of Ireland, prompted perhaps by an Abwehr interception of British

months "as long as there is still no state of war between Britain and Ireland and as long as the Irish cooperate".

Irish neutrality was to be respected and a landing made there only at de Valera's request. But the idea of an invasion was not yet dead. An attack on the island was to be considered by the Germans on two more occasions, and throughout the rest of 1940 and the following two years German printers at the Institut Cartographique Militaire in Brussels produced thousands of copies of their maps and literature for German soldiers in Ireland.

Anyways, as I sit here at the table of the buffet in Venice Station - but I am not sure if my present companion will want to spend a morning at

The last time I saw Venice...



Miles Kingston is on holiday. As I write this, I am sitting at a cafe table in Venice. Well, no, that is not strictly true. As you read this, I am sitting at a cafe table in Venice. I am actually writing this at a desk in Notting Hill before I leave for Venice on a week's holiday, so that next week (or now, as you would call it) I don't have to sit down in Venice and write a piece.

Of course, I could simply have taken a week's holiday from The Times, but unfortunately I forgot to warn my editor in time for him to find a replacement. It was all so much easier when this column appeared on a page with the obituaries, where they could simply find more people who had recently died to replace me with. Apparently this page

doesn't work like that. As it is, here I am writing a piece instead of being on holiday. But at least there is one advantage to this.

Since I have not gone to Venice yet, I cannot write a piece about Venice. As I sit now at my cafe table, I reflect that as I wrote this piece several days ago, you are spared yet another outpouring on the wonders of Venice, the shame of it sinking into a sea and the greatness of Cipriani's Hotel on the Lido. Who wants another piece about Venice?

And there is a great difficulty in writing about Venice, apart from the fact of not having been there, as I have not, and that is the difficulty of finding an opening sentence. Venice seems to bring out the opening sentence in writers. Was it not Thomas Mann, of Death in Venice fame, who opened that depressing guide book with the

MOREOVER... Miles Kingston

words "Streets full of water. Please advise"? Or was it perhaps Robert Benchley?

Much earlier, the great French humorist Alphonse Allais opened a dispatch from Venice with words that bring back the Victorian era with a sharp shock. "The most striking thing that greets one's first arrival in Venice is the complete and utter absence of the smell of horse manure." It is hard to rival that as an opening. We are used to seeing great European cities full of water these days (last week it was Cologne that was suddenly full of impromptu canals) but the absence of something that is what I should aim for.

I am told by people who can't stand Venice - a secretive but

strong minority - that the most striking thing about Venice today is the complete absence of Italians. That the only natives one sees are those employed to service the tourist armies, and that they all go back to the mainland at night. This may or may not be true, and as I sit here at my cafe table, I have probably worked out the truth or otherwise, but as I said, I am not here yet.

When I said I had never been to Venice, this was not quite true. When I was in my early teens, my father took us all on a trip to northern Italy, but all I can remember from that earlier visit was the complete absence of steam trains, of which I was inordinately fond, and the high quality of the ice creams. It isn't much to build a knowledge of

Venice on, especially as I now see from the map I bought at Stamford's this morning that there is a large railway station in Venice and that if only I had known where to look I would have found any amount of steam trains.

Looking back, I suspect that my father knew, but didn't tell me. My passion for steam engines used to interfere with holiday plans considerably. When we went to Paris he wanted to go up the Eiffel Tower and I wanted to go to the Gare St Lazare. When we went to Edinburgh one year, I took a train out of Edinburgh to Inverkeithing and back so that I could go across the Forth Bridge twice.

Most travel books about America are written by people who have spent a mere few weeks there. This one is quite different. It is written by someone who has never been there in his life.

CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 42)

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words. Clues include: 1. Dedicate (6), 2. Percussion instrument (6), 3. Bone (4), 4. Openwork (8), 5. Lacquered (8), 6. Ugly woman (3), 7. Printed cotton (6), 8. Tub (6), 9. Piston (3), 10. Compress (8), 11. Sleeplessness (8), 12. Couch (4), 13. Brief look (6), 14. Defamed (6), 15. Small amount (5), 16. Small person (5), 17. Ripped (4), 18. Inevitable result (4), 19. Wary (8), 20. Lyceum (9), 21. Applaud (11), 22. Phasize (15), 23. List (15), 24. Accordion (18), 25. Flat (19), 26. Mail Mail (22), 27. Cassock (23), 28. Wages (24), 29. Oak (25), 30. Lander (25), 31. Down (2), 32. Races (3), 33. Vic (4), 34. Leatherjacket (5), 35. Wopt (6), 36. Realizer (7), 37. Elong (10), 38. Dank (12), 39. Lich (14), 40. Dist (15), 41. Amnesia (16), 42. Epic (17), 43. Flesh (20), 44. Pop (23), 45. Waa (24).

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COMMENT

Is a miss as good as a sir?

Most children do not encounter a male teacher until the final year of their junior school, and sometimes not until their secondary school.

One may argue that to a certain extent primary pupils need to be "mothered". I would argue that men are equally capable of providing affection and understanding as well as instruction, but have never been given the opportunity to show it.

Because a junior class has only one teacher the children observe all aspects of her personality and often get to know her very well.

When a child enters the more formal secondary school, where most teachers are men, the male is seen as merely an instructor. Even if a child is taught by a male teacher in his junior school, the rest of the staff are likely to be women.

I believe all this influences the roles people adopt when they become parents. It is the mother who mainly cares for the children, as it was her female teacher (apart from her mother) who guided, disciplined and cared for her during those impressionable years.

Until more males are recruited into junior education, and seen to be as caring and important as women, society will continually expect women to take responsibility for bringing up children.

There are other reasons, too. Many boys today come from homes without fathers. It is helpful for such a child if he can build a strong relationship with a male teacher. Otherwise he may spend the rest of his life distrusting men.

There are also practical reasons. Not all men enjoy sport, for example, and when there is only one male teacher in a school, the responsibility of boys' games falls on him whether he likes it or not.

Older junior school boys seem to need a male teacher. I've observed many woman teachers taking this age group. They don't deal with the boys' development, but appear to try to prevent it.

On a social level, from my experience, with more men in the staffroom there is a better atmosphere. When there are mainly women there seems to be a lot of bitchiness.

Peter Riches

JOANNA LUMLEY'S DIARY

Whatever would Noël have said?

The rehearsal room is the colour of raspberry yoghurt: a great elephant-coloured curtain hangs over one wall in heavy stained folds.



A bit of a palaver to go to the lavatory, though: it involves keys and padlocks and the opening of the car park. Jump a puddle and don't forget to lock the door when you leave in case someone tries to steal the aging Adamant fixtures.



does have three coffee spoons and an electric kettle. You can see through the piano, as its panels have fallen off and the pedals are missing.

I met Simon Cadell on a train one Monday two years ago. We spent four hours in a first class compartment arguing, declaring our love for each other, throwing things, hugging then more arguing: that night we did it all again in front of an audience.



What an extraordinary evening: intoxicating with terror, we played through the show, perfect strangers in front of a packed house.

Most against my better judgment, I agreed to stick my nose into El Vind to see if I could track down a colleague on a literary affair of some urgency.

A hitherto undreamed-of occasion for playing The Murderer Winks (I described the rules two weeks ago) on stage, during performances of long, slow-paced Shakespearean dramas.

Friday: Shirley Lowe interviews Lana Turner about how stardom upset family life

Drain the meat from the liquid fat and reserve the fat. When the meat is cool enough to handle, shred it finely, using your fingers or a pair of forks to break it up.

Pork and lean

Jack himself would have been an asstapler with potted hogh; an almost fat-free dish of shih of beef cooked to rags and set in its own beefy jelly.



Foxed: rejected candidate Hugh Simmonds and family Paul Pickering meets a female master of foxhounds who galloped in pursuit of human quarry - her local prospective Conservative candidate

A-hunting we will go

The head of a large hare hangs on the wall behind her ladyship. It wears the puzzled expression of a creature who is about his own business one minute and the next finds himself fastened to a board in a comfortable drawing room of a Queen Anne country house.

Another sort of kill brought Lady Crossman and her husband Sir Peter into the news last week. They flushed a Conservative prospective political candidate Hugh Simmonds from cover when they heard his wife was a member of the League Against Cruel Sports and they savaged him ferociously.

His wife Janet added: "I don't like foxhunting, but if someone wants to do it, that is up to them. We had thought Hugh's adoption of a creature who is about his own business one minute and the next finds himself fastened to a board in a comfortable drawing room of a Queen Anne country house.



Hunter: Lady Crossman of the Cambridgeshire Foxhounds

There are no hunts behind the Iron Curtain

There are no hunts behind the Iron Curtain. It is the uncertainty of the hunt that is important, not knowing where you are going and the speed. There are no hunts behind the Iron Curtain, which to the Crossmans is the ultimate restriction of communism.

It was such a little lump - the size of a pea... and a petit pois at that

FIRST PERSON

By Beryl Downing

"Hello? Oh, I'm very well, thank you. I had a touch of cancer last week, but I'm fine now. How are you?"

So there was much sympathetic discussion - and that is one of the characteristics of Barts that make it such an outstanding teaching hospital: everyone from consultants in junior nurseries, however busy and however overtaxed, was prepared to give time to listening as well as to doing - not an attribute of every NHS hospital.

It was not until I was inescapably tucked up in St Bartholomew's Abernethy ward that the alarm bells rang. The consent form was not only for the removal of the lump, but also for "any further surgery" found to be necessary.

THE TIMES COOK - A recipe for Pork and lean, including ingredients like 900g (2lb) rindless belly of pork, salt, and freshly ground black pepper.

I was warned that I would feel tired, and I did, but I reckoned if my body couldn't cope it would let me know, so I went straight from my daily treatments to the office and had cause for the first time to benefit from working in a man's world.

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COURT AND SOCIAL

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WINDSOR CASTLE
April 19: The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh...

Her Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of the Queen's Flight...

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, as President of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children...

Forthcoming marriages
Mr C. L. L. Glass and Miss L. J. Hamilton

Mr N. P. Magee and Dr A. Gregor-Drachovska
The engagement is announced between Neil, son of Commander Brian Magee...

Two bishops appointed
The Rev Gordon Bates, Canon Residential and Precentor of Liverpool Cathedral...

Mr J. W. Baker and Miss S. M. Jones
The engagement is announced between Jeffrey, only son of Mr and Mrs V. W. Baker...

Mr S. R. C. Points and Miss J. M. Everest
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs P. C. Points...

Birthdays today
The Right Rev P. C. Darwent, 56; the Rev John C. G. Davies, 64; Major-General Sir Charles Drumby, 81...

Mr S. H. K. Barnett and Miss M. A. Lovinger
The engagement is announced between Simon, only son of Mr Anthony Barnett...

Mr S. R. C. Points and Miss J. M. Everest
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs P. C. Points...

Latest wills
Latest estates include (net, before tax paid): Bayford, Mr Richard Hayter...

Mr D. J. A. Elliot and Miss L. Franchiya
The engagement is announced between David, younger son of Dr and Mrs A. H. Elliot...

Mr J. C. Hoppe and Miss C. Lankester
The marriage took place in London on Tuesday, April 12...

Girls' Public Day School Trust
Summer Term for the 24 schools of the Girls' Public Day School Trust will begin this week...

Mr C. T. L. Foster and Miss C. A. MacLean
The engagement is announced between Toby, second son of Mr and Mrs Michael Foster...

Mr M. J. Isaac and Miss J. E. Clarenhouse
The marriage took place on April 16, in Hampshire...

Harrow School
Summer Term begins today. M. S. Landon (Reminds) continues as head of the school...

Mr R. Hudson and Miss F. M. Christy
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs W. Hudson...

Receptions
British Digestive Foundation
Princess Michael of Kent, Patron of the British Digestive Foundation...

Dinners
Royal Society of Medicine
Sir James Watt, president, presided at a dinner for members of council of the Royal Society of Medicine...

Golden daffodils of Ulster

By Janet Browne, Horticulture Correspondent
Paphopedilium Mandarin 'Tigates', from Mr D. Clow, of Blenheim, Surrey...

OBITUARY

MR JANIS SAPIETS
BBC broadcasting to the Soviet Union

A colleague writes:
The death of Janis Sapiets removes a man of remarkable gentleness and moral excellence...

The Second World War had put an end to his hopes of a diplomatic career in an independent Latvia...

He went to Belfast to study at the Presbyterian College, and was ordained as pastor of the Latvian Lutheran church in Scotland in 1950...

He was a central focus of the cultural and religious life of the Latvian community in Britain. After more time at London University...

Dr Roger Edmund Dixon was an architectural historian of growing reputation when he died in London on Monday April 18 at the early age of 48...



This photograph of a blind visitor to last month's Exploring Woodland and Seashore exhibition at the Natural History Museum, London, and taken for The Times by Suresh Karadia, has been chosen as the Nikon photograph of the month.

DR R. E. DIXON

University of Virginia; and a month ago at his polytechnic he was appointed reader in architectural history.

His shrewd and compendious book Victorian Architecture, written with Stefan Muthesius and published in 1978, has become a widely used textbook.

He leaves a widow and three sons.

Howell's School, St Andries School, Eton College
Eton College opens today for the summer Half with 1,244 boys in the school...

St Edward's School, Oxford
Term started on Monday. The heads of school are J. G. A. Ellison and J. A. Livingstone...

St John's School, Leatherhead
Summer Term starts on Wednesday, April 20. The 20th anniversary of the University of Keele...

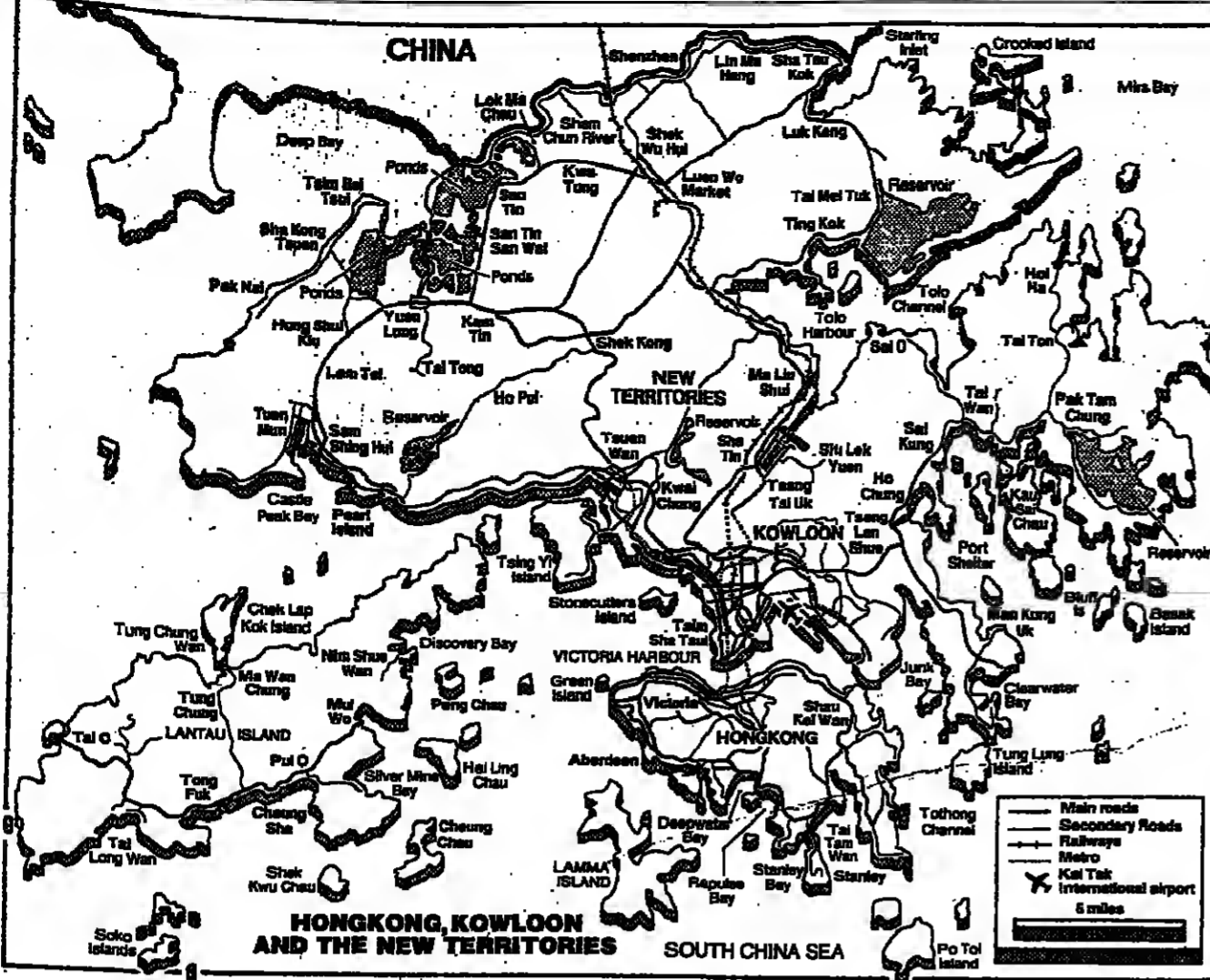
St Leonard's School, St Andrews
Summer Term begins today and ends Speech Day, Tuesday, July 12, 1983...

St George's School, Ascot
Summer Term will begin at 2 pm on Tuesday, April 26, 1983.

1983 HONG KONG TRADE FAIR
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INDUSTRIAL WEEK 24-29 October 1983 Hong Kong Exhibition Centre
CONSUMER WEEK 21-26 November 1983 Hong Kong Exhibition Centre

Forming psychological scar tissue

Capital and confidence appear to be creeping back into Hongkong, judging from the gains that the Hang Seng Index has recorded in recent months. While this widely quoted stock market barometer may not portray the economic prospects for Hongkong entirely accurately, it does reflect to a large degree the level of business confidence in the colony.



After the boom, the slide continues

It was inevitable that a bust would follow the property boom of the late 1970s. The collapse, which is now widely evident, was caused by a combination of oversupply, property trading difficulties, world economic recession which eroded demand for office space and luxury accommodation for expatriates, and political uncertainty over Hongkong's future.

GENERAL REVENUE ANDEXPENDITURE table with columns for years 1981-82, 1982-83, 1982-83 (revised), 1983-84 (Budget), and 1983-84 (Forecast). Rows include Revenue Recurrent, Expenditure Recurrent, Total, Balance, and Public Sector as % GDP.

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GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (Real change, %) table with columns for years 1981, 1982, Forecast 1983, 5 year average 1976-82, and 1982 actual (current HKS\$100m). Rows include Private consumption, Government consumption, Gross fixed capital formation, etc.

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Recent years have seen the emergence of Hong Kong as one of the world's foremost industrial and banking centres.

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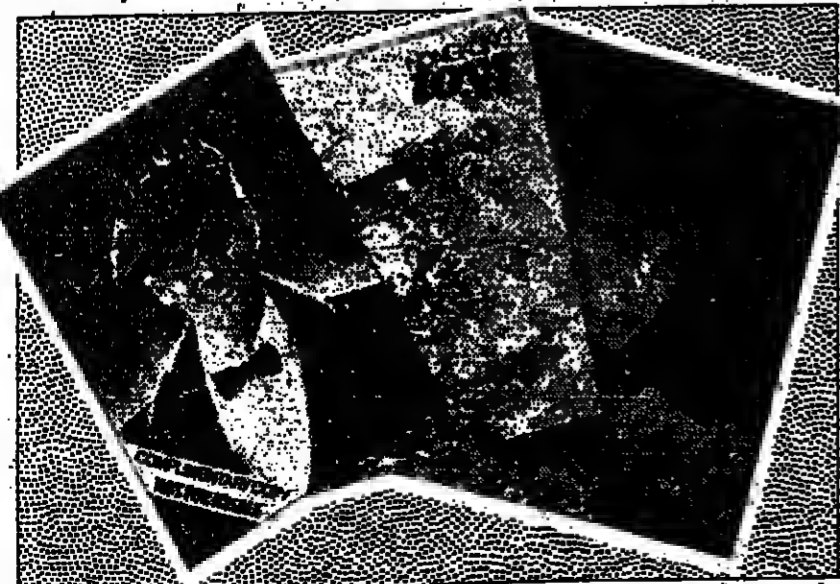
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A closer examination of some companies' individual investment programmes will provide additional proof that Hong Kong is looking forward to an exciting and confident future.

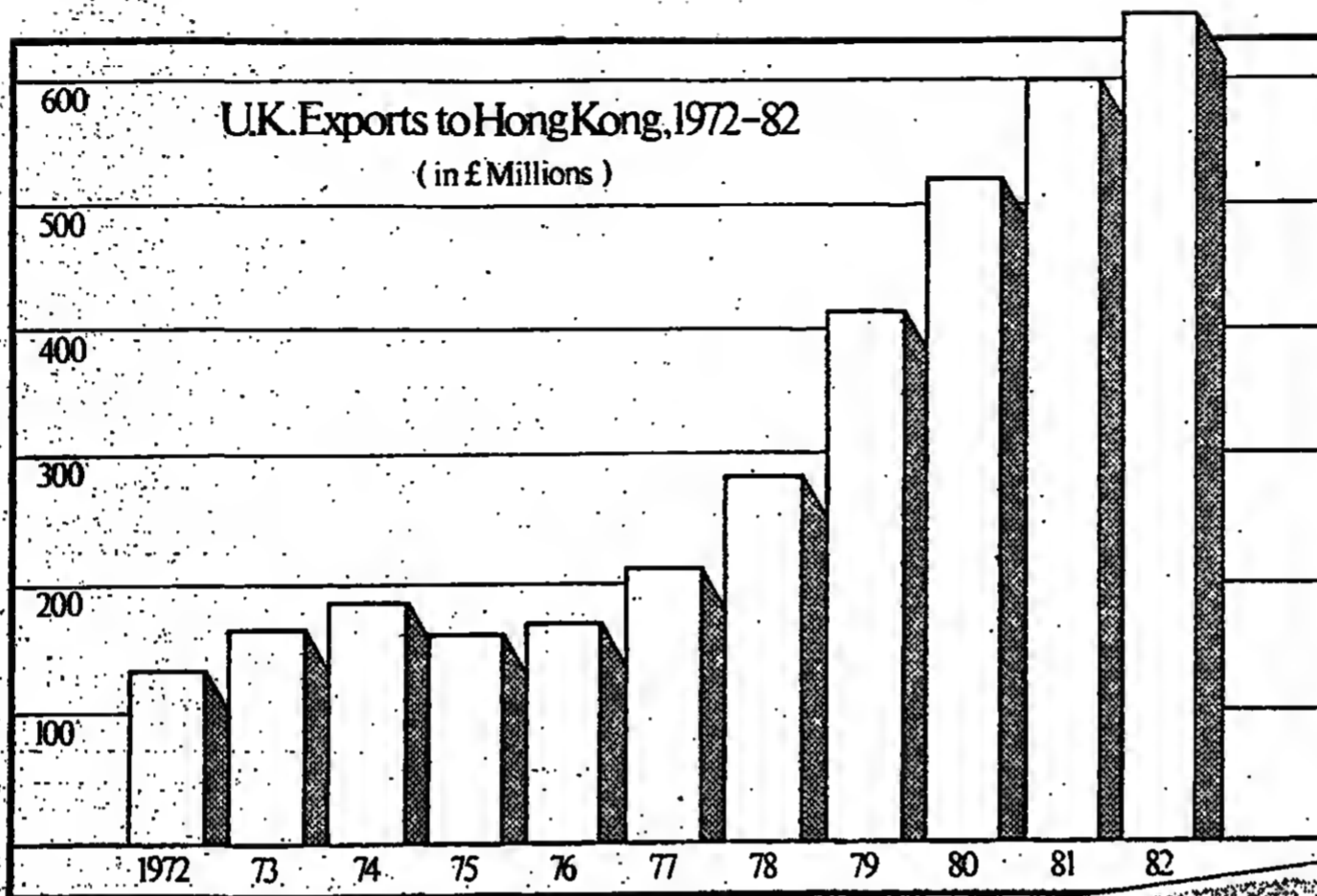
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□ £118 million contract awarded by Hongkong Land to Gammon for first phase of Exchange Square development.

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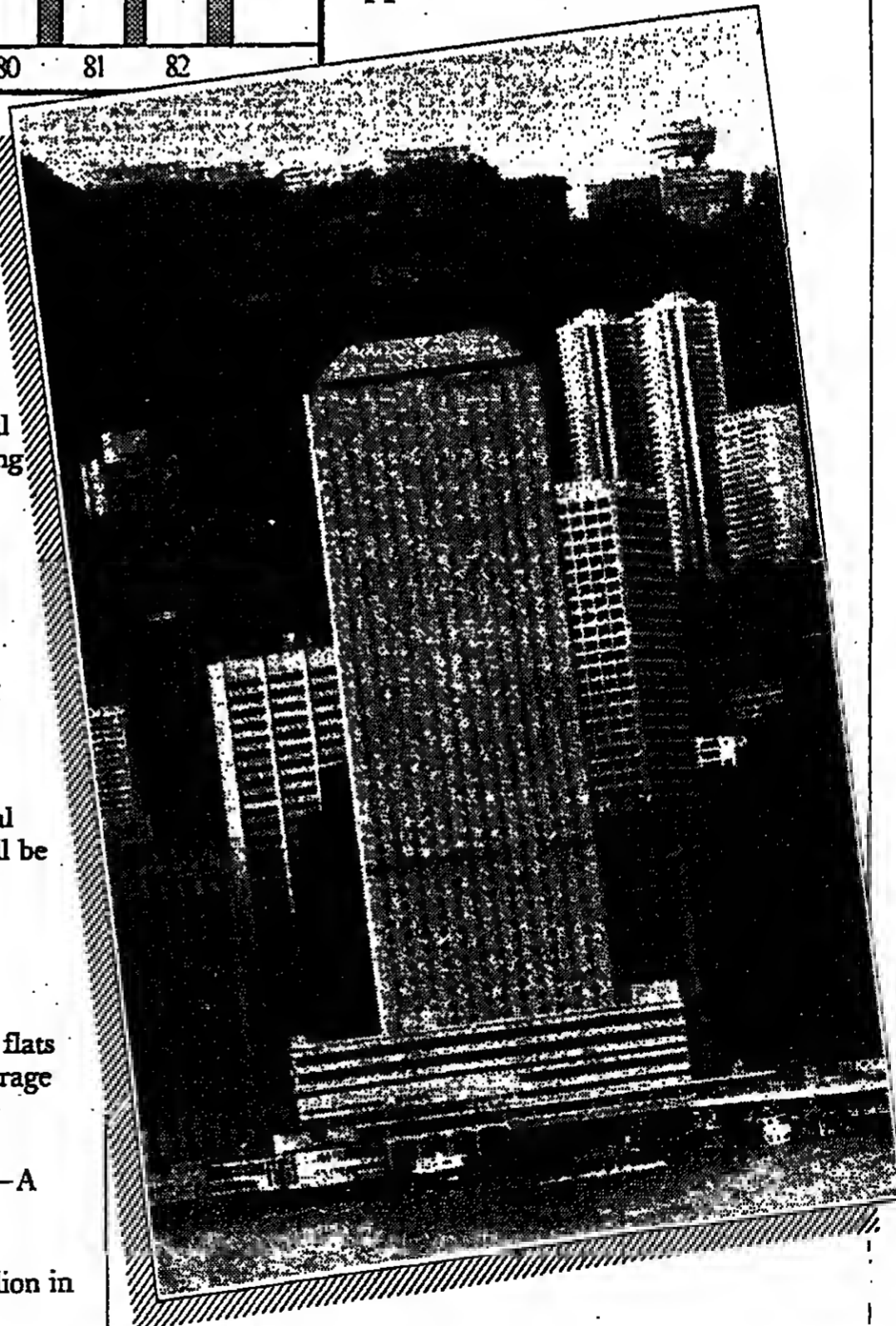
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REFUGEES

An unfriendly welcome at Chi Ma Wan

Barbed wire surmounts the high prison fences. A thin wind whips off the sea and slices between the forbidding grey buildings. Its very name, Chi Ma Wan Closed Centre, has a sinister ring about it, but it is the reality facing Vietnamese fleeing to Hongkong by boat.

It is a reality given added poignancy by the children running around the camp. At any one time monthly births are likely to be in double figures. New lives utterly without prospects, beginning on a little prison island with the haven of Hongkong seen vaguely in the distance through the mists.

Hongkong, the beacon for countless thousands of refugees over the years from both China and Vietnam, is only reflecting the weariness of the Western countries with the problems of the local people and the economic concerns which force them to reconsider their priorities.

Eight years after the end of the Vietnam war they are still arriving, though fewer than in the recent past, when there was less concern. Resettlements have slowed to a tenth of what they were two years ago but those now leaving Vietnam have little chance of being resettled through Hongkong. They are likely to be in the colony indefinitely.

To some, the barbed wire and the prison conditions seem unnecessarily cruel, but the authorities have decided that for the good of both sides the exodus has to be discouraged. The rigid conditions of Chi Ma Wan should be enough to discourage anyone not actually facing certain death in Vietnam.

In Chi Ma Wan now are 2,958 unfortunates who arrived after the cut-off date of July 2 last year. The camp is clean and orderly and, in contrast with some of the open holding camps, there is no overcrowding, but there is no mistaking the status of the inmates. They respond to visitors as to jailers until they realize the possibilities of a journalistic contact, but it is a cruel hope, falsely raised.

Hongkong's place in the ranking of countries of first asylum for Vietnamese refugees has always been a special one. The profile of arrivals has gradually changed, unlike those for other regional countries. The beginning was conventional enough, with the arrival of the *Clara Maersk* in May 1975 with 3,743 escapees on board. The early arrivals - the trickle became a flood with more than 66,000 landing in the first seven months of 1979 - were almost exclusively ethnic Chinese; many of them from the south of Vietnam.

Those refugees fleeing Vietnamese persecution of the Chinese minority, were of a high calibre, mainly business people with skills to offer and often quite a lot of money to start a new life in third countries. Being Chinese, most were well educated and adaptable, readily able to fit in almost anywhere they were sent. In 1979 only 15 per cent of the arrivals were ethnic Vietnamese. Today the ethnic Vietnamese make up 98 per cent.

Today's refugees from Vietnam are of a different calibre from their predecessors. Most are from north or central Vietnam. They have little education, coming mostly from fishing villages or the countryside, and few skills to offer resettlement countries. Their reasons for leaving are most often economic, but some wish to escape military service.

There would be little use in putting them into the open centres in which earlier arrivals were placed; they could not go out to jobs as refugees in Hongkong itself do.

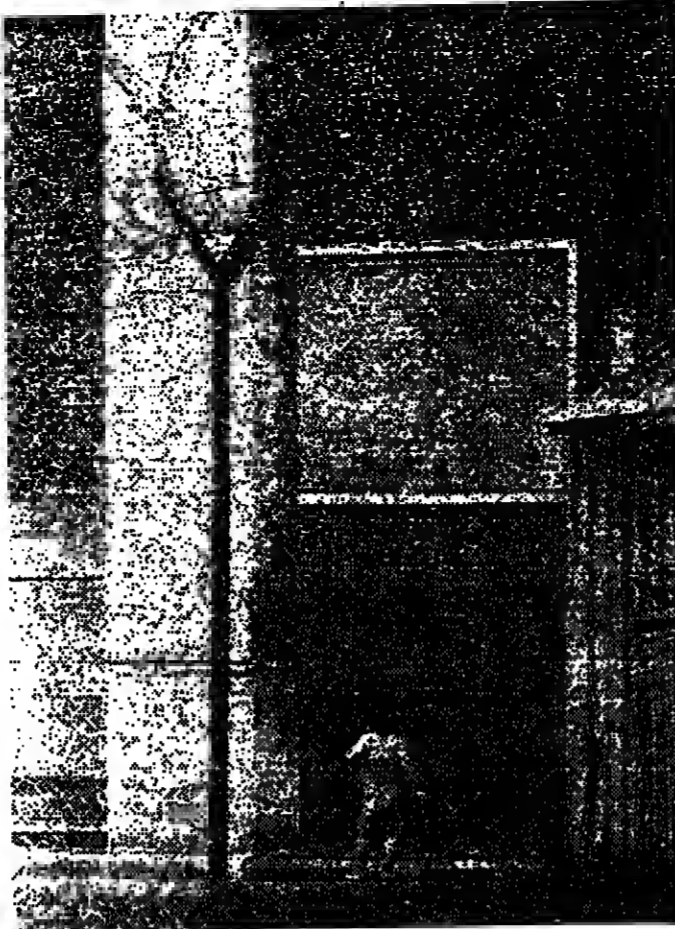
Towards the end of last month there were 12,352 awaiting resettlement, with only about 5 per cent of them having secured acceptance abroad: at the same time 1982 arrivals had fallen, but by a much smaller margin than in the rest of the region.

The number of arrivals by boat throughout the area last year fell by 42 per cent. In Hongkong the fall was only 6 per cent. Resettlement has been disappointingly low compared with other South-East Asian countries which have received the boat people. Hongkong's rate for 1982 was 44 per cent, while other first asylum countries went as high as Malaysia's 66 per cent.

All this has persuaded the Hongkong authorities that drastic measures to cut off the flow from Vietnam may be required. In spite of considerable assistance in the closed camps from the office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the refugees have cost the Hongkong Government US \$18m (about £12m) in straight outgoings. This does not take into account the diversion of resources and the use of land which would otherwise yield a return.

Among the options being considered is the forced repatriation of new arrivals, a dramatic switch from the humanitarian policy which has set Hongkong apart from other South-East Asian countries in the past. Such a programme is still only at the stage of being considered. Should it go ahead it would have to be the subject of negotiations not only with the Foreign Office in London but also with the Vietnamese Government and the UNHCR.

The numbers of Vietnamese boat people in Hongkong pale into insignificance compared with the influx from China. The peak of the flood again coincided with events in Indo-China. As Chinese troops were withdrawn from the border with Hongkong to cope with the fighting on the Vietnam-China border, the steady flow of



One of the young refugees at the Jubilee Camp in Kowloon

refugees from China became a flood. In 1979 90,000 were caught on first arrival and 107,000 got through to "touch base" under the policy then prevailing, which allowed those who managed to evade both the Chinese and the British to stay.

That influx so frightened the authorities and the people of Hongkong that the "touch base" policy was abolished. Last year 8,700 hopefuls were turned back. That change and the introduction of identity cards for Hongkong citizens have not eliminated the problem of the illegals brought in by "snake heads" or racketeers. These illegals are responsible, the authorities believe, for much of the recent violent crime in Hongkong.

While the police have had a good deal of success in picking up illegals, the skill of the counterfeiter has prevented them from being totally successful. Since the "touch base" rule was ended it has been estimated that more than 8,000 illegals are living underground. They are still arriving at the rate of nine a day.

To counteract the illegals and their effect on the crime rate, new identity cards are being issued from this month. Learning from the lessons of Northern Ireland, they will be backed by a new computer which will allow police officers to run immediate checks on identity cards.

Given the current poor state of the Hongkong economy and the heavy penalties for those assisting illegal immigrants, the police will most probably enjoy considerable public support in the hunt for illegals. Thus, with good policing at the border, it is hoped to eliminate the illegal element in Hongkong's population.

David Watts

Getting ready for the great leap forward

Hongkong has always been something of a laggard in educational development. When the rest of the world was racing to expand tertiary education, the British-administered territory had to stand on the sidelines. It was then still struggling to provide enough school places at the primary and secondary levels.

Now that budgetary stringency and slackening demand for university students have caught up with a number of Western countries, effectively putting a curb on further growth, Hongkong is preparing for its "great leap forward" in the field of higher education.

Current plans are that by the mid-1990s the opportunities for degree courses will increase threefold. The target is to raise first-year degree places from 2.5 per cent of the 17 to 19 age group to eight per cent by 1995, two years before the lease on the New Territories expires. There are plans for a second polytechnic to be opened by 1988, with a total enrolment of 20,000 students, of whom 8,000 will be full-time and the rest part-time and evening students. In the early 1990s numbers will rise to 30,000, of whom 13,500 will be full-time students. A site is being prepared and the appointment of a director is under consideration.

Thirty per cent of the courses offered at the new polytechnic will be at degree level. On top of this, the authorities are examining the feasibility of an open university.

Existing institutions will also be significantly developed over the next ten years. The supply of degree places will be increased by 4 per cent a year at Hongkong's two universities up till 1988, with specific training requests by the Government to be met over and above this figure.

This will see total enrolment at the University of Hongkong, the territory's oldest, and at the newer Chinese University growing from the present 11,200 to 15,100 in four years' time. This is 3,000 places in excess of the projection of the 1978 White Paper on senior secondary and tertiary education. In the longer term, the English-language University of Hongkong has been asked to explore the possibility of increasing its student population from 6,000 to about 10,000 in the mid 1990s, with emphasis on a greater intake of medical and law students.

The Hongkong Polytechnic, which at present has an enrolment of 25,400 - of whom 8,000 are full-time, 3,700 day-release, and the remainder evening class students - ought to have 30 per cent of its planned full-time equivalent students on degree courses by 1988.

This expansion comes amid uncertainty and anxieties about the future of Hongkong after Britain's lease on the New Territories runs out in 1997, currently the subject of negotiations with China. Why embark on an expansion programme while the whole Hongkong question remains unsolved?

One reason is that, despite present worries, most people realize that there will be nowhere for them to go, whatever happens in 1997. They live in hope that when sovereignty reverts to China, life here will be little changed.

With hardly any natural resources, and depending for its living on its ability to trade effectively, Hongkong must ensure that its gradually diversifying economy is well supplied with highly educated and skilled manpower. Also, the groundwork for the present expansion was laid in the late 1970s, when it was widely held that the last thing China would do would be to disturb the status quo in Hongkong, lest it kill the goose that laid the golden eggs.

To halt expansion plans while negotiations between Britain and China are at a delicate stage would be interpreted by Hongkong people as a sign that the Government was getting ready to pull out, and this could cause a crisis of confidence.

Clearly, in the long term, much will depend on the outcome of the current talks, but with expansion virtually guaranteed until the end of the decade, it is not surprising that policy makers and educators are expanding confidence.

Professor M. A. Brimer, head of the School of Education at the University of Hongkong, points out: "We are the envy of the rest of the university world because we are expanding when everybody else is contracting."

The provision of university places, however, is still low. With a population of nine and a half million, the territory has only two universities and one polytechnic, compared with the seven universities and four polytechnics for a population of three million in New Zealand.

University places are available for only 2.5 per cent of the 17-20 age group, compared with 4 to 6 per cent in other Asian countries. Hongkong lags behind countries such as Singapore and South Korea, which are regarded as being at a comparable stage of development.

This has resulted in a brain-drain to the United States, Canada and Britain. According to recent statistics, more than 14,400 students went overseas for their education in 1981-82, a number which exceeds by more than 4,000 the total enrolment of the two local universities in the same period.

By acquiring a near-monopoly of secondary education, the Government has created expectations that it will provide further education for matriculating sixth-formers.

Nobody wants to repeat the mistakes of countries such as India, where the rush to expand tertiary education has meant that many graduates take menial jobs, for lack of employment suited to their qualifications.

Halima Guterres
South China Morning Post

The continuing property slump

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The Government is also taking advantage of the market downturn. A home-ownership scheme for the middle-class (family income of between HK\$6,500 and HK\$13,000 a month) has been scrapped after 2,500 flats - selling for HK\$200,000 to HK\$300,000 - drew only 1,000 applications. Land allocated for this middle-income housing scheme is likely to revert to the home ownership scheme for families earning less than HK\$6,500 a month. Flats in this scheme are very much in demand, drawing several times more applications than can be accommodated. Annual production is running at a modest 5,000 units.

Furthermore, the Government is using this cooling-off period to repay a curious and complicated land debt of more than 100 million square feet to Letters B holders. Letters B were issued to New Territories land owners whose property was used for the construction of new towns.

As these land exchange

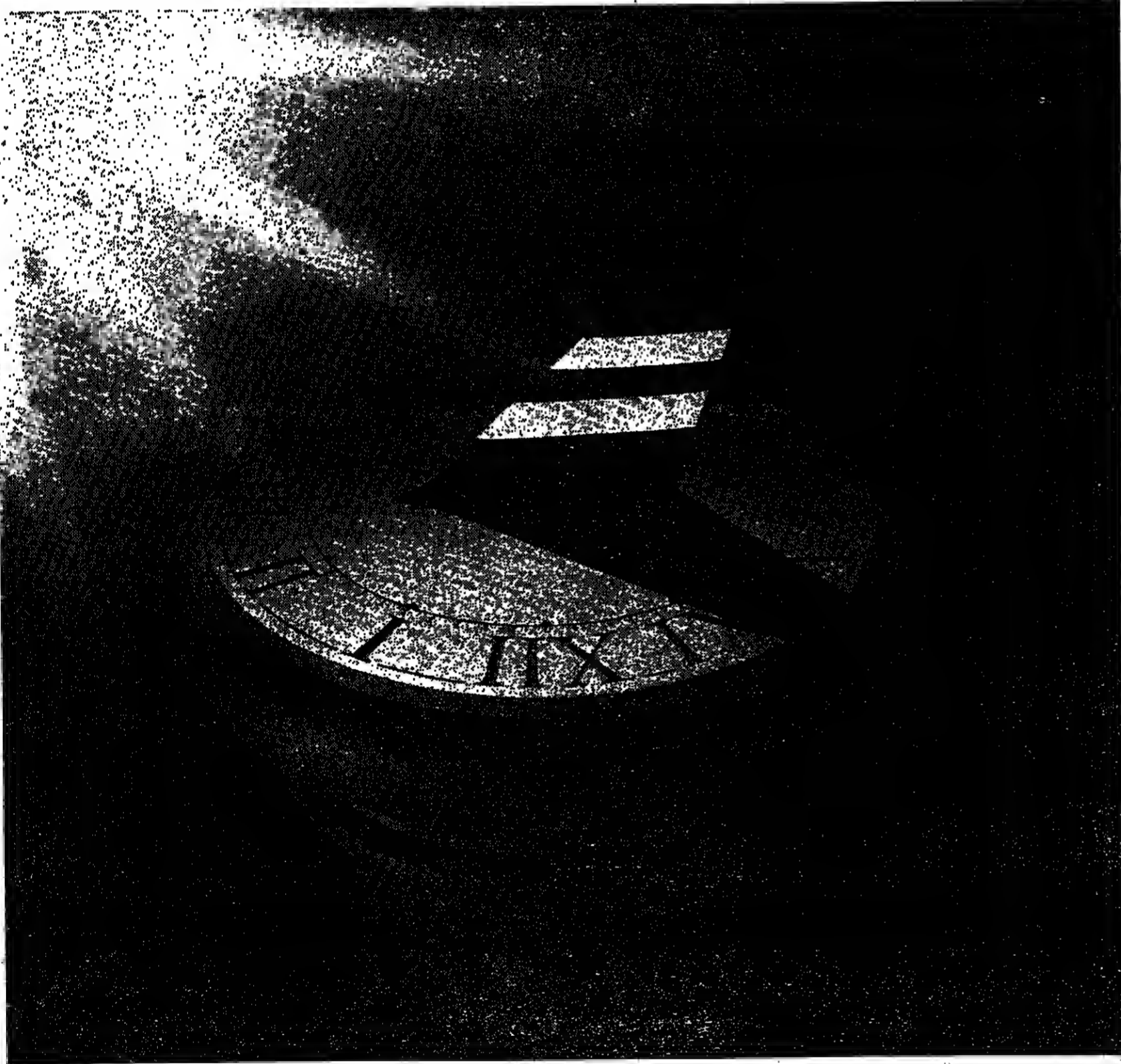
entitlements were transferable, most were sold to property developers. In the past, however, much of the land put out for redemption of Letters B was for industrial use and was thus unattractive to holders. In its April-September land sales forecast, however, the Government will be putting out a record 900,000 sq ft of residential land in the New Territories for such exchange - 41 per cent of sites allocated for this category of land use.

The market conditions have also brought a new method of land disposal. Some 400,000 sq ft of residential land, most of it in the prime South Hongkong Island zone, will be available for sale "by auction or tender on application". This means that developers are obliged to show their genuine interest by depositing an amount (to be fixed by the Government) which will reflect the base market value for the site. The eventual sale price should not go below this value.

Analysts are divided as to when the property market will recover from its present slump.

Valuers and estate agents say it is now possible to acquire prime properties at bargain prices. Jones Lang Wootton argues that yields on prime property of 9-10 per cent compare favourably with prevailing interest rates. Meanwhile, talks on Hongkong's future have reached a stalemate over the issue of sovereignty. Recovery of the economy, with its reliance on exports, is on the cards, but unless Peking allows a continuation of some form of official British presence in the territory after 1997, confidence in Hongkong's future can be no more than short-term. In these circumstances, the property companies can at best look forward to avoiding further erosion of the market.

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Far Eastern Economic Review.



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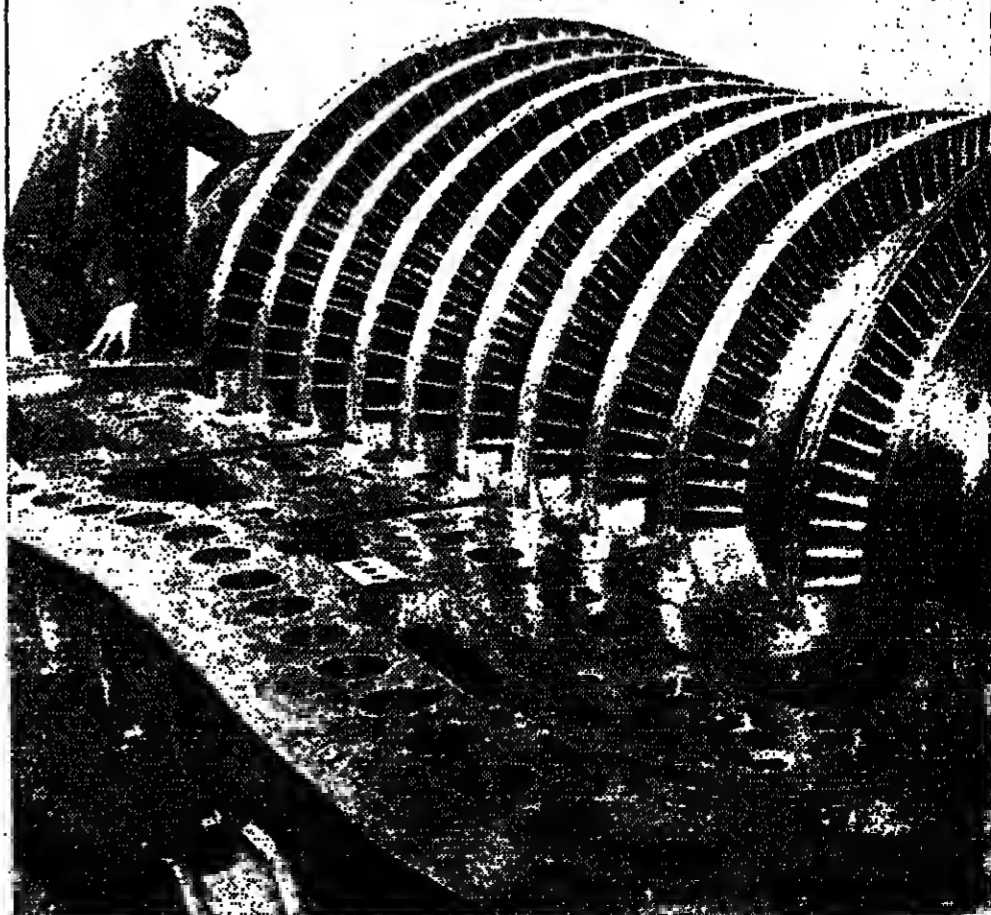
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THE ARTS

Television When the scalpel slips...

When one enters hospital one becomes an object, a thing to be probed or dissected, and in such circumstances it is peculiarly difficult to assert any ordinary personality.

The "price" can be serious injury or even death; the price in financial terms hardly seemed to matter to the people who were interviewed last night.

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Last night's programme was, in that sense, an examination of that neutral territory in which human beings become the objects of institutionalized care.

As always in television programmes of this kind, the individual horror story—with the victims or relatives talking about their specific experiences—is more dramatic and more powerful than the generalized or analytical responses of the "experts".

Peter Ackroyd

The Carmelites Covent Garden

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If the whole opera were on that splendidly grotesque level, then it might be applauded as an exercise in bad taste. In fact, though, the only rival to this final scene is in the second act where tenor priest and soprano chorus embark on the 'Ave verum corpus' to whooshing harp and sumptuous night-club harmonies in the strings.

The Haunted Manor John Lewis

Not many operagoers, unless they are Polish, will claim much experience of Moniuszko, who was active in the mid-nineteenth century.

Kent Opera, at the end of their tour, brought to Rosebery Avenue on Monday and will

The Beggar's Opera Sadler's Wells

While Handel reigns supreme this week at his Hanover Square festival, one of the chaps who almost ruined his operatic career in London, John Gay, is holding the stage further north at Sadler's Wells.

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Opera Marvellous display of vocal heroism

justification for this revival therefore has to be found elsewhere, and it comes first and foremost from the magnificence of the singing: rarely can so much artistry have been lavished on so poor an opera.

There is another link with the past, as readers of Monday's page will be aware, in Regine Crespin, who in the first French production took the part of the lively voiced new prioress, now sung by Miss Masterson.

The story as such is naive and pretty dotty.

act, but the haunting scene runs out of steam long before it is over, and final explanations, involving such Englishry as "Grandfather multiplied the line/He procreated daughters nine", are also unduly prolonged.

It seemed again that, in many ways, Britten's music is the work's worst enemy: it lessens the chances for a consistently gripping, rough-and-tumble production.

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Theatro England's finest

With Julian Mitchell's Another Country playing almost next door, the Globe and the Queen's now preside over Shaftesbury Avenue like a venerable educational establishment, and if there were an interconnecting door between the two buildings you could imagine a hefty school sergeant on duty to prevent Mr Mitchell's depraved boys from getting in among Denise Deegan's innocent young ladies.

From the moment of her awed arrival, of course, Daisy comes out top in everything, in the rage of her two snobbish classmates who entrap her with every device known to the fourth-form mind before the guileless heroine routs them in a multiple climax of life-saving, treasure hunting and a famous victory on the hockey field, not to mention finding her long-lost father.

Concert Romantic spread

Schiff's playing gave the impression that every idea had been carefully rethought; the marvellous first movement cadenza found its central point of tension at a most unusual place.

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Advertisement for Neil Simon's plays, featuring a drawing of a man and text about the New York stage.

Advertisement for Brighton Beach Memoirs, featuring a drawing of a man and text about the play's success.

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The assurances from Bassishaw are specific and positive. The fact that its members include the pension funds of the National Coal Board, the Post Office and British Rail, strengthens our belief that it will carefully consider employment issues.

Our profits estimates for the year to January 29th 1983 show that the remedial action taken last year to improve profitability and efficiency has already made a positive impact. They confirm our belief that Bassishaw's proposals for the businesses are entirely realistic.

Turnover has risen. Profit before taxation is up by 62%. Earnings per 25p stock unit have increased by 87%. During the first eleven weeks of 1983, sales were approximately 15% ahead of the same period last year.

What we recommend

If your sole interest is in getting the maximum price for your holding, doubtless you will accept the Hanson Trust offer.

But if you consider it more responsible to preserve a major independent force in Britain's High Streets, and with it the prospects of our employees, you may consider a few pence per share an acceptable cost.

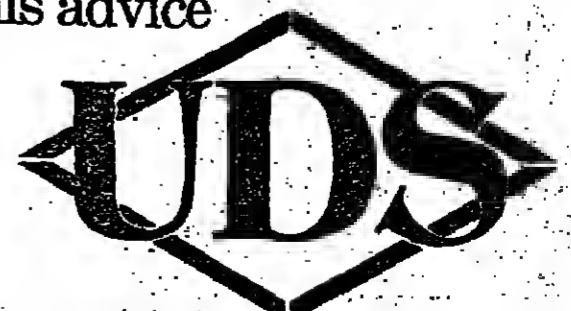
Although two of your non-executive Directors recommend you to accept the offer from Hanson Trust, in the view of six of your Board's eight Directors Bassishaw offers you a fair price for your holding and better prospects for your Company and its employees.

Our advice is clear.

Reject the Hanson Trust offer. Accept the Bassishaw offer.

Our financial advisers, Charterhouse Japhet, endorse the legitimacy of this advice and believe stockholders should give it the strongest possible consideration.

Please think very carefully before you make your decision.



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66/68 Seymour Street, London W1A 2BY.

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STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index 685.2 down 9.8 FT 100 Shares 437.46 down 4.06... Tokyo 8541.86 down 40.67

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE Sterling \$1.5520 down 95 points... Yen 368.50 Dollar Index 122.9 up 0.1

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates: Base rates 10% 3 month interbank 10 1/4-10 1/2... Euro-currency rates: 3 month dollar 9 1/4-9 1/2

PRICE CHANGES

Bastian Int 12p up 2p Massey-F 235p up 30p... M James Ind 22p down 2p

TODAY

Interims: Dubier, Wade Poteries... Economic statistics: Indices of Average Earnings (February), indices of Basic rates of wages (March)

BL 'faces fierce competition'

Sir Austin Bide, chairman of BL, said in his annual review yesterday that the company faces fierce competition from the world vehicle industry

STERLING RISES

The pound rose to a new three-month high of \$1.57 against the dollar and touched its highest average level this year in early trading yesterday

SURVIVAL PACKAGE

Sir Robert Atkinson, chairman of British Shipbuilders, yesterday presented a package of survival measures to the Department of Industry

PROFITS RISE

American Express yesterday reported a 37 per cent gain in first quarter net income from \$118m to \$162m

Wall St stocks turn down

New York (AP-Dow Jones) - Wall Street stocks were retreating last night... Declining issues were still 4-to-3 ahead of advances in active trading

Mr Robert Mintz, vice-president at Phillips Appel & Walden, said that the market two weeks ago showed the same kind of resistance to selling pressure that we are seeing here

General Electric was off 3-4 at 110 1/4... Texas Instruments was 161 1/8 down 2 1/2

Shop union backs Bassishaw

The Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers, which represents most employees of the UDS group has urged shareholders to take the advice of the boardroom majority and accept a lower takeover bid

Hanson announced yesterday that it has accepted for 10.3 per cent of UDS shares... Bassishaw controls 15 per cent and the board about 1 per cent

British Steel cuts loss to £6m a week

British Steel has cut its losses by a third but is still losing money at the rate of £6m a week... The corporation has told its workers

World debt level reflects caution

Bank lending growth slackens

Caution about the state of the international financial system restrained the rate at which lending by banks in leading industrial countries grew during the final quarter of 1982

Steps 'should be taken to remove BNOC' State oil corporation serves no useful role, says Esso

The state-owned British National Oil Corporation should be abolished, according to Esso, one of the largest oil companies in the United Kingdom... However, Mr Nigel Lawson, Secretary of State for Energy, defended the role played by BNOC



Lawson: defended BNOC's role

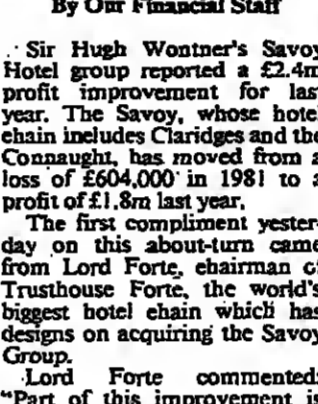
State borrowing target 'at risk'

There is a higher than usual risk that public borrowing will significantly exceed the Government's £3,000m target for 1983-84... The LBS, whose broadly monetarist economic thinking is close to that of the Government

Savoy Hotel goes £1.8m into profit

By Our Financial Staff

Sir Hugh Wootton's Savoy Hotel group reported a £2.4m profit improvement for last year... The Savoy, whose hotel chain includes Claridges and the Connaught, has moved from a loss of £604,000 in 1981 to a profit of £1.8m last year



Lord Forte: first compliment

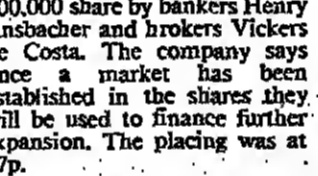
Strikes restaurants for USM

Strikes London hamburger restaurant chain, is to be launched on the unlisted securities market by its parent company, Comfort Hotels... The launch is via a placing of 600,000 shares by bankers Henry Ansbacher and brokers Vickers de Costa

Strikes has 23 outlets, of which 18 trade under the name of Strikes, four as American Strikes and one as a franchised Wimpy Bar

Lloyd's hires experts for new controls

Mr Ian Davison, the chief executive of Lloyd's of London, is hiring three advisers at a cost of £100,000 a year to smooth the introduction of self-regulation measures for the insurance market... The advisers have been drawn from Whitehall and the legal and accountancy professions



Davison: 'Terrific day'

Companies' Bill since 1967, has been given three-year contract at about £25,000 year for a two-and-a-half day week... The council has decided to continue delegating most of its powers to the Committee of Lloyd's

Imperial cuts sale price

Imperial Group, the tobacco and brewing combine, has slashed £9m off the selling price of the poultry, egg and meat businesses it sold to the privately owned Hillson Holdings last May... The new price reflects the fact that Hillson was not totally happy with what it discovered after the purchase

Robeco Higher Valuation for Shares

Robeco, incorporated in the Netherlands in 1933, is an equity trust aiming to strike a balance between the provision of a substantial dividend each year with a reasonable appreciation in capital value... Assets are widely spread over some 15 countries, with the emphasis currently on the U.S.A. (38.3%), Japan (12.5%) and Dutch Internationals (14.3%)

City Comment Looking for a UDS solution

The main problem for shareholders judging the rival offers for UDS is the lack of credibility of either of the stores group's boardroom factions... Both started by condemning the first bid from the Bassishaw consortium

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WALL STREET

US banks move into brokerage

New York (NYT) - On May 1, 1975, a date now famous as Wall Street's May Day, the Securities and Exchange Commission gave the go-ahead to fully-negotiated brokerage commissions and in the process, changed the face of the investment business.

Since that watershed eight years ago, discount brokerage has developed to such an extent that even the commercial banks are now jumping onto the bandwagon. In fact, they could well come to dominate the market.

This week, Mr. Roger Services, of Fidelity Brokerage Services, estimated that discounters would account for 20 per cent of all retail transactions this year. Banks would be responsible for at least a quarter of such retail trades, he predicted and by 1985, would account for perhaps 30 per cent.

The lure of discount brokerage for banks is that it moves them further into financial services and can provide a new way to attract affluent customers.

At the start of last year, not a single major bank in the United States offered discount brokerage services, according to the Securities Industry Association. The breakthrough came last year with the acquisition by BankAmerica Corp. of Charles Schwab, the United States biggest discounteer.

Subsequently, Security Pacific National Bank acquired its own discount brokerage operation. Earlier this year, Chase Manhattan moved directly into

Symbol	Price	Symbol	Price	Symbol	Price
AMP Inc	18 1/2	US Steel	32 1/2	Wal-Mart	21 1/2
AMR	18 1/2	Verizon	32 1/2	Wendys	21 1/2
Alcoa	18 1/2	Wendys	21 1/2	Weyerhaeuser	21 1/2
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Trusts press for more strict rules

Britain's £12,000m investment trust industry is pressing for stricter stock market disclosure rules to fend off secret accumulations of trust shares by potential predators, according to industry sources.

The fund managers, who have complained to the Bank of England and the Council for the Securities Industry say worries centre particularly on trust shares built up in discretionary accounts for clients of merchant banks and similar concerns.

Scottish trusts, under widespread bid and liquidation pressures, prompted the approach to the Bank of England by the Association of Investment Trust Companies last month.

The bank then passed the complaint to the CSI, industry sources said.

The trusts want merchant banks to reveal publicly when various discretionary accounts under a bank's management aggregate 15 per cent or more of a trust's shares.

Mr John Hignett, CSI director general, was meeting yesterday a committee of the accepting houses, representing the merchant banks, to assess their known opposition to the 15 per cent proposal.

Industry sources said the CSI should be in a position to redefine its so-called substantial acquisitions rule within a few weeks.

Existing practice covering both investment trust and other calls for a full takeover bid if a purchaser, or several investors

Comtech to demerge its Mnemos subsidiary

By Michael Clark

Combined Technology Corp, the non-oil interest of Tricentrol, is asking shareholders for £5.2m and pressing ahead with arrangements to demerge its subsidiary, Mnemos and make it public.

Mnemos has recently developed a sophisticated information storage and retrieval system which has attracted attention from some of Europe's multinationals.

However, the development costs of the new system have been heavy, draining the parent of its vital reserves of cash.

In a complicated deal Comtech is raising £5.2m by way of a one-for-five rights issue at 42p. A further 12.5 million Comtech shares will be offered to shareholders. Comtech shareholders will have the chance to subscribe for 12.5 million shares in the new company on the basis of one-for-five at 65p. A further 3 million shares in Mnemos will be placed with institutions at 65p. Dealings in the new company capitalised at £30m start on the USM on Monday.

Comtech will maintain a 63 per cent stake in Mnemos and use the proceeds of its own fundraising to reduce borrowings and provide capital for further developments.

Mnemos, in turn, will use its near £10m further to develop its eSystem 6000 storage and retrieval system.

Comtech has forecast pre-tax profits of not less than £5.1m

Tricentrol

The British Oil Company

A WIDER SPREAD OF OPPORTUNITY

- ★ UK NORTH SEA - income expected from the Buchan Field this year.
- ★ UK ONSHORE - 23% share in a gas discovery in south east England.
- ★ WYTC FARM - 35% interest and leading partner of Dorset Bidding Group.
- ★ US ONSHORE - attractive prospects concentrated in Texas, Louisiana and Colorado.
- ★ CALIFORNIA OFFSHORE - active exploration programme continues.
- ★ GULF OF MEXICO OFFSHORE - exploration and production interests in 15 blocks.
- ★ CHINA OFFSHORE - expect to obtain significant prime acreage.
- ★ SUMATRA ONSHORE - multi-well exploration programme now drilling.
- ★ SICILY OFFSHORE - more drilling anticipated in this highly prospective area.
- ★ NEW ZEALAND OFFSHORE - drilling this year.

Hongkong Bank Group - sustained growth in 1982

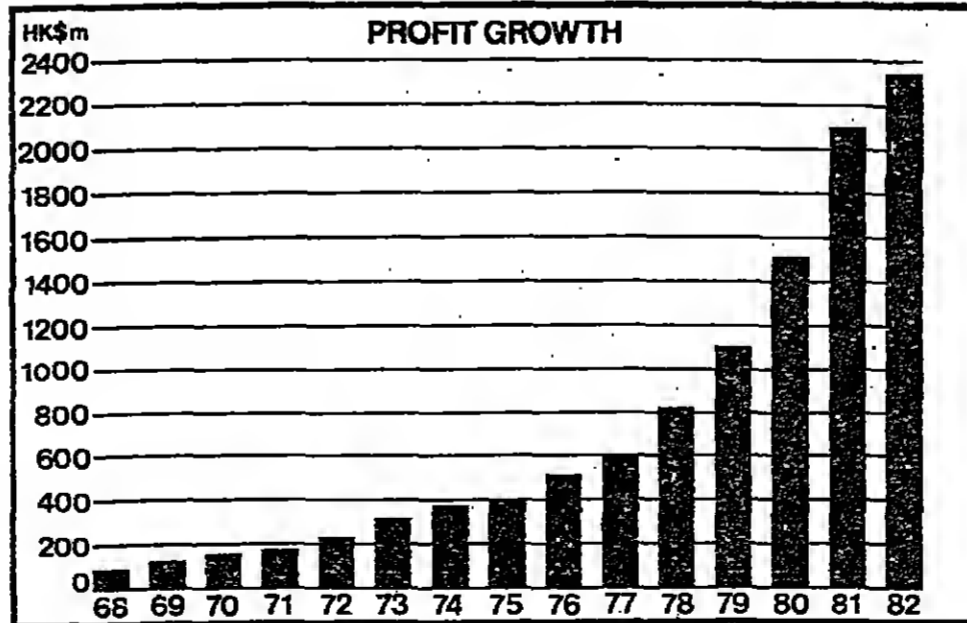
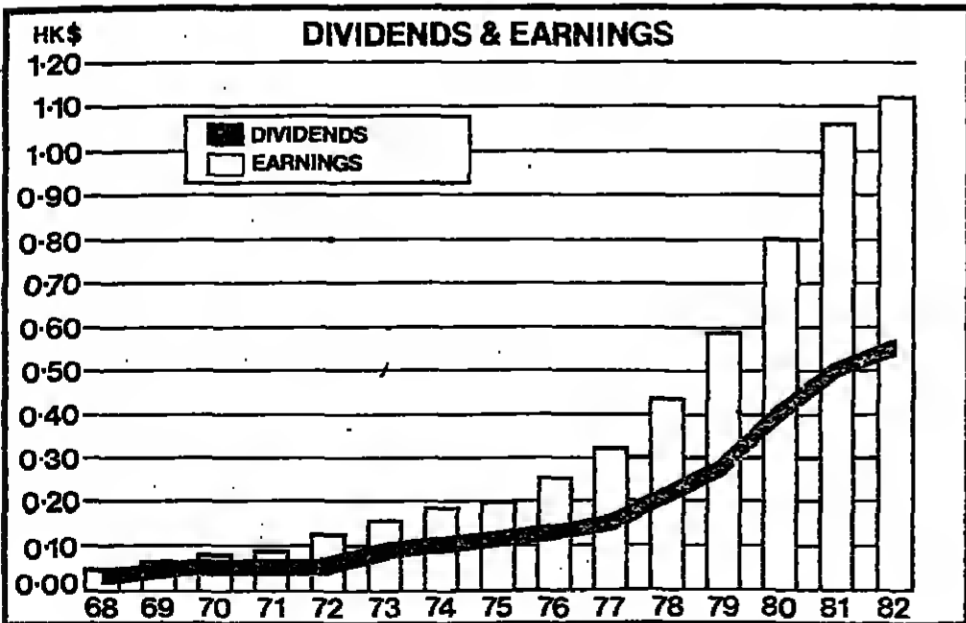


Mr M G R Sandberg, CBE, Chairman

Highlights from Annual Report

- Group profits of HK\$2,357 million, up 11% over 1981
- Dividend of HK\$0.55 per share (1981: HK\$0.49 adjusted)
- Bonus issue of one for ten
- Marine Midland Banks, Inc reported net income of US\$86.9 million, up 7% over 1981
- The British Bank of the Middle East reported 45% profits increase to £20.6 million

- Hang Seng Bank Limited reported profits of HK\$713.7 million, up 20% over 1981
- Wardley Limited, our main merchant banking arm, recorded reduced profits but business remained at a high level
- Antony Gibbs Holdings Limited has returned to profitability and is making good progress
- Finance and investment companies reported good results in a difficult year
- Carlingford Insurance group made progress in a year of consolidation



1982 Highlights	1982	1981	1982
	HK\$ millions	£ millions	
Total Assets	379,186	304,293	35,932
Issued Capital	5,200	3,899	493
Total Shareholders Funds	15,606	14,147	1,479
Group Profit	2,357	2,116	223
Transfers to Reserves	440	588	41
Total Distribution	1,144	996	108
Earnings per share (adjusted)	1.13	1.07	10.2
Dividend per share	0.55	0.49	5.0

Hongkong Bank

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

Marine Midland Bank · Hongkong Bank of Canada
The British Bank of the Middle East
Hang Seng Bank Limited · Wardley Limited
Antony Gibbs & Sons Limited
Mercantile Bank Limited

Consolidated assets at 31 Dec 1982 exceed US\$58 billion

Tilbury lifts profits by 19pc

By Andrew Cornelius

Tilbury Group Year to 31.12.82
Profit £22.5m (£2.1m)
Stated earnings 14.63p (13.53p)
Turnover £44.5m (£47.3m)
Net final dividend 3.5p making 5p (4.17p)
Share price 139p up 4p, Yield 5.18
Dividend payable 23.6.83

Tilbury Group, the civil engineering and building company, increased pretax profits by 19 per cent to £2.5m in 1982, despite a near £3m decrease in turnover to £44.5m.

The improved performance was achieved largely because Tilbury went for work which offered good profit margins during the recession. The board recommended a final dividend of 3.5p, making 5p for the year, against 4.17p in 1981.

The present order book for construction work stands at £16m and includes a £7m contract with the Greater London Council to build 150 houses, a £4m road-building contract in Kent and a £1.5m contract for bridge-building work on the Ipswich by-pass.

Mr Peter Maltman, finance director, said that he has detected some signs of a recovery in government spending, particularly on road and housing improvement schemes. Tilbury has three big improvement contracts, worth about £1m each, in London alone.

Mr Maltman said the group had a strong balance sheet, with more than £2m in cash to buy a northern-based construction business with a turnover of £3m a year.

Warning on US budget stalemate

Washington (NYT) - President Reagan has been told that a continuing Congressional stalemate over his budget proposals could mean that the Administration's fiscal revolution and permanent economic recovery will be lost.

The warning came from Mr David A. Stockman, director of the office of Management and Budget at a cabinet meeting on Monday.

Administration officials said that Mr Stockman urged the President to redouble his efforts to reach an accommodation with Congress. But Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, is understood to have given different advice to the President.

According to officials, Mr Weinberger argued that it would be better to let the process achieve an overall budget failure and instead veto or sign individual appropriations bills as the year progresses.

No decision was taken by the cabinet on strategy.



Scottish Life Chairman's Statement

Extracts for Year Ending December 1982

NEW BUSINESS

£6.2m of new life annual premiums, an increase of 25% over the total for 1981.

New annual premiums for group schemes were up by 10%, for individual schemes by 7% and for self-employed arrangements by 9%.

In group pensions business, single premiums increased by 76%, due largely to our "Buy-out" policy which is designed to provide the preserved benefits for employees who leave his employer's service.

VALUATION REGULATIONS

It is to be regretted that the well-tried British practice of control by the exercise of the actuary's professional judgement has been replaced by inflexible rules about solvency margins.

Unique inflexibility could restrict unreasonably the scope for earning bonuses.

COMMISSION

In an effort to avoid the leap-frogging which would come from a free-for-all commission war the Company has joined with a group of like-minded offices in setting up a new market for business sold through independent intermediaries.

INVESTMENT

The net new money available for investment during 1982 amounted to nearly £67m. About a third of this was invested in British government fixed interest stock and the bulk of the ordinary share investment went overseas.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Gower report on the protection of investors commenced on the need to establish standards of competence for those engaged in selling life assurance. We confirm that we support the efforts which the industry is making in strengthening the code of practice and in other ways. The company's twin objectives are to ensure that our inspectors are fully trained and that our agents are capable of giving sound and informed advice to intending policyholders.

Copies of the Annual Report are available from Head Office:

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APPOINTMENTS

Regional chief at Midland

Mr Jacques de Mandat-Grancey has been appointed Latin American regional director at Midland Bank International in London.

Mr Michael Gibson has become deputy director, marketing, of Loyds Bowker Finance Group. He was previously group marketing manager.

Dr R. R. Boxall has been appointed research and development director of Gallaher Tobacco.

Mr Peter Prier has joined the board of Holden Hydroman as a non-executive director.

Mr Mike Sprague has been appointed director of international operations for Nairn International, responsible for Australia, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Holland and the US.

Mr David Claxton, managing director of Courage Take Home Trade, has joined the Courage Board.

Mr Peter Ballard has become company secretary of Henry Ansbacher Holdings.

Mr Senmas Cowley is to become underwriter for the C.I. Towers Marine Syndicate.

Mr David Jehn has joined Scripstar as director of operations and Mr C. Brian Williams becomes director of sales.

Sir Robert Douglas has resigned as chairman but remains a non-executive director of Rapid Metal Developments (Aust).

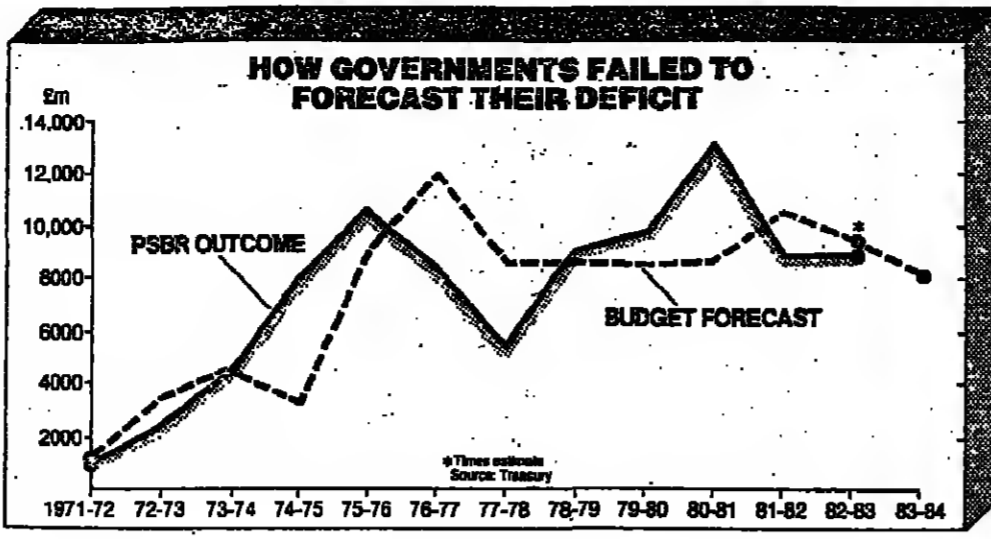
Mr D. J. Lemon, managing director, is appointed chairman. New non-executive directors are Mr J. R. T. Douglas, chairman and managing director of the Douglas Group, Mr R. J. Mierisch, managing director of A. W. Baulderstone, and Mr E. J. Cadman, managing director of Rapid Metal Developments.

Mr H. C. Everitt, joint managing director of Douglas Environmental Engineering as director and general manager.

Mr R. J. Wilson has been appointed managing director of the Dacia Car Company. Mr Maynard Hamilton sales director of Gesteiner Holdings.

Mr E. Q. Bashforth and Mr T. G. Robson have been appointed directors of Hickson and Welch.

Frances Williams on Treasury's surprise at spending spree



How public borrowing defies the art of forecasting

The chart has another interesting feature. Government forecasting errors clearly go in cycles, with two or three years of underprediction followed by two or three years of overprediction. After two years of forecasts higher than outcome has the Government been too optimistic for 1983-84?

Only 40 per cent spending is amenable to strict control

Government departments managed at the eleventh hour, to spend up to their permitted cash limits, in sharp contrast to Treasury expectations of a significant underspend. What the money was spent on we do not yet know. Redecorating the offices is a traditional play. Paying hills early another.

But this year's overall spending plans have been held down partly by inclusion of a £1,200m allowance for shortfall included, we are told, on the basis of experience with the cash limit system.

Evidence points to overshoot of borrowing forecast

At worst, they say, spending can exceed plans only by the amount allowed for shortfall, because cash limits cannot be exceeded without the Treasury's say-so.

Financial market data table with columns for 'Authorized Units & Insurance Funds', 'Insurance Bonds and Funds', and various fund names with their respective bid and offer prices.

Cry for shipyard jobs lifebuoy

The traditional "sunset" industries are a pain in the neck for Mr Patrick Jenkin, the Industry Secretary. However much he tries to brush them under the carpet in favour of the glamorous "sunrise" sectors of high technology, they persist in creeping back into the public consciousness with embarrassing reminders that they are big employers and often need huge amounts of public cash.

Yesterday produced a prime example. Across the table at the Department of Industry headquarters in London, Victoria Street sat Sir Robert Atkinson, outgoing chairman of British Shipbuilders, who made no excuses for demanding that his stricken industry be designated a special case.

Mr Jenkin and Mr Norman Lamont, his shipping minister, have little choice but to accede if they want to avoid another round of redundancies in the yards that could reach 9,000 on top of the 3,000 already announced this year.

In an election year Mr Jenkin really afford to see more communitarian, admittedly not in Tory strongholds, devastated and the country subjected to another bout of depressing news of big industrial "chokers"? For that, in essence, is Sir Robert's message.

He has asked for a package of emergency measures to tide over his industry until new orders begin to flow again. These proposals are temporary and designed to meet the present crisis which is hitting shipbuilding throughout the world.

The Government has already pumped more than £600m into shipbuilding since it came into office and recently increased the corporation's external financing limit from £122m this year to £160m for 1983-84.

At the Govan yard on the Clyde, where there are new orders, the mood of shipbuilding workers throughout the country was summed up last week by a shop steward who dismissed as futile any move to begin a strike against further cuts. The battle, he warned, was against the Government.

Edward Townsend

Equities on the retreat

ACCOUNT DAY: Dealings began, April 11. Dealings end, April 25. Contango Day, April 25. Settlement Day, May 2.

In the event, the FT Index ended at its low point for the day down 9.8 at 685.2, wiping out an earlier gain of 1.6. Last night dealers were becoming increasingly sceptical that the index would achieve its goal this week with only three days of the current account left to run.

With shares of London Brick hovering just short of the year's high the institutions appear to have decided to take profits. Yesterday several large lines of stock went through the market in excess of half a million shares. The price closed 5 1/2p lower at 152.

Gilts encountered nervous selling with falls of up to 1/4 at the longer end of the market prompted by the loss of 1 cent for the pound on the foreign exchange to end the day at

\$1,5520. The Government broker is believed still to have ample supplies of the new 'tap' with less than half of the £1,000m of stock taken up when dealings started last week.

On the bid front, shares of Marlex jumped 4p to 62p on the news that Canada Northwest had made an offer by tender for the oil exploration group with interests in the Humble Grove consortium in Hampshire. CN had already bought 4 million shares from Mr Andrew Fish, director of Marlex, amounting to 14.8 per cent of the equity at an undisclosed sum.

Mr Fish has also given the group a voting trust on his remaining 2 million shares for 18 months. At last night's close, Marlex was valued at £16.7m. Humphries Holdings, the film developers and printers of cinema films, have received an approach from Technicolor, the

US filmgroup and are now involved in talks to decide on a price. Last night, Humphries closed 17p dearer at 50p valuing it at just under £4 million. BET with 75.37 per cent of the shares, and presently bidding for the minority shares in Rediffusion, 7p lower at 238p.

Shares of Blackwood Hedge, the construction equipment sales company, fell by 4p to 20p after a delay in releasing preliminary figures for 1982. Sir William Shapland, chairman, said that the delay is due to technical problems associated with auditing the results which he now expects to publish on Friday.

Bellair Cosmetics continued to fluctuate wildly as investors awaited news of the talks which may lead to a bid. After dipping as low as 50p the shares ended the day 20p higher at 62p. Shares of Mills & Allen International rose 39p to 400p

after news that Providence Capital Life Assurance had sold its stake of 3.5 million shares. Brokers Laurie Millbank and Rowe & Pizman sold the shares in the market 384p. PCLA has also sold 701,000 shares in MAI and paid following the recent rights issue and 774,000 paid shares in Sime Darby London. Both parcels of shares were sold at the 95p level. But PCLA still own 3.8 million shares in Sime amounting to 9.8 per cent of the equity.

Meanwhile, shares of Lorlin made a successful start to dealings on the Unlisted Securities Market. The price opened at 113p compared with a placing price of 80p.

Also due to make a start in dealing on the USM on Monday are shares of Spring Ram, the bathroom and home improvement specialists. County Bank has arranged for a placing 2.2 million shares at 105p a share representing 21.47 per cent of the equity. This capitalises the group, headed by Mr Bill Rooney, former chief of Hygiene fitted kitchen, at £11m and makes them one of the top dozen companies quoted on the USM. Dealings are expected to open at between 135p and 150p.

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INVESTORS' NOTEBOOK edited by Sally White

Bumper dividend from the Bank of Scotland

Bank of Scotland Year to 28.2.83 Pretax profit 245.4m (£47.4m) Stated earnings 117.9p (123.9p) Net final dividend 13.5p, making 24p (21p) Share price 484p, up 25p Yield 7.1% Dividend payable 6.6.83

Compared with the London clearing banks, Bank of Scotland has turned in a very solid performance in the year to the end of February. While three of the big four reported sizable falls in profits for 1982, Bank of Scotland has come through 1982-83 with profits only £1m lower at £46.4m, helped by a particularly resilient performance in the second half.

Where it has excelled the London clearers is in the size of the dividend rise. After increasing the interim by only 5 per cent, Bank of Scotland has bumped up the final by 23 per cent to leave the year's payout a full 14 per cent up at 24p net. The laggard within the group has been the North West Securities Finance House, where pretax profits were down from £11m to £9.1m. The merchant bank, British

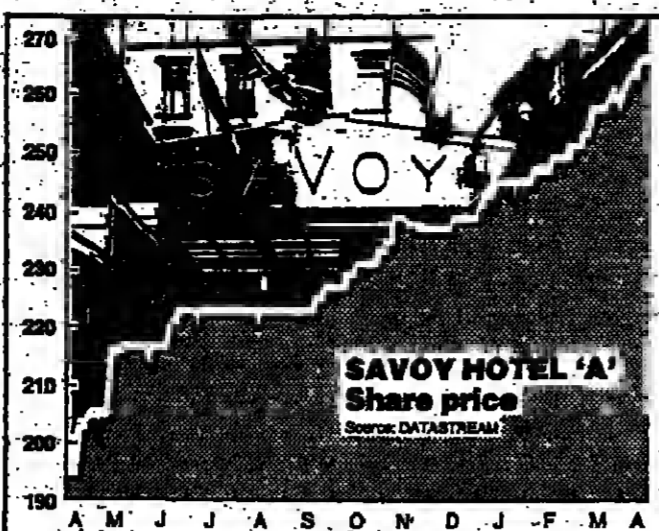
Lincoln Bank, boosted profits by £800,000 to £4.8m and the Bank of Scotland itself was fractionally ahead at £32.3m.

Group had debt provisions were nevertheless up from £15.4m to £27.1m but with costs under reasonable control - staff costs were 10.4 per cent up - and healthy volumes reflected in a 31 per cent gain in sterling lending, the bank has managed to turn in unchanged profits with the help of £1.5m of gifts profits.

Hambro Life

Hambro Life Assurance Year to 31.12.82 Actual surplus £19.5m (£15.7m) Transferred £15.8m (£15.1m) Net final dividend 9.375p mkg 13.4p (£11.52p) Share price 374p up 25p Yield 5.3% Dividend payable 23.6.83

Hambro Life's shares have been making up lost ground in recent weeks, having been the worst performer in the sector.



Savoy Hotel

The Savoy Hotel Year to 31.12.1982 Pretax profit £1.8m (£504,000 loss) Turnover £37m (£33.9m) Share price 266p Yield 0.75 per cent

Results of the Savoy Hotel group exceeded market expectations to the extent that the share price rose 2p to 266p; the outcome was a pretax profit of £1.8m against a general expectation of £1.7m or thereabouts. The improved figure puts the Savoy on a dividend yield of 0.75 per cent and a fully-taxed price earnings ratio of 90.

siderable turnaround from last year's pre-tax loss of £606,000. But the Savoy is not an investment stock: it is a takeover prospect.

The potential predators, Trust House Forte, can point out that £1m of the turnaround is due to lower interest charges as a result of asset sales. The potential defenders - Sir Hugh Wontner and the others who control the company through its highly differential voting structure - can point to a £1.4m improvement in trading.

This is a gamble, not an investment. The market is quite clear in its assessment: it believes the Forte camp will win.

Combined English Stores Group

Combined English Stores Group Year to 29.1.83 Pretax profit £1.75m (£2.68m) Stated earnings 1.64p (3.62p) Turnover £102.7m (£98.7m) Net final dividend 0.33p (1.66p) mkg 1.82p (£3.15p) Share price 51p Yield 6.3%

Combined English Stores Group announced slightly better profits than expected for last year. But there is a savage cut in the dividend that has come rather late in the day, just as the group is talking of recovering from recession. That seems to indicate too high a level of payout in the past.

The source of the profits drop is the Fenton Menswear shops, which lost £1.7m at the trading level. Since the year end, there has been a turnaround because of reorganization in this section. The Fenton menswear shops have been given a new, more casual image. But to clear merchandise, a lot was sold at reduced margins. The recovery

coming through after the reorganization can be seen by the slower rate of loss, as the half-year figure was £1.6m.

Losses resulting from the reorganization have been taken above the line.

Combined English Stores says that the recession is still making trading difficult, but it is seeing some improvement in economic conditions. It is sure there will be a good improvement this year.

There were profits of £1.34m last year from property disposals. There are hopes that pretax this year could touch £4m, in which case there could be some improvement, although not restoration, in the dividend. But the market is still cautious about the Fenton reorganization.

Honda Motor's 5 per cent dividend rise, at 10.5 pence, and jump in profits of nearly a third reflect mainly the strength of its power product sales. But the 1.7 per cent rise in motor cycle sales, to 3.75m, and a 7.7 per cent rise in the number of cars sold, at 1.12m, are an impressive performance in recession.

Hepworth presses bid

Over the heads of the opposing board, Hepworth Ceramic Holdings has sent out its formal offer for Steedley. Hepworth's chairman, Mr Peter Goodall, puts forward some strong arguments why Steedley shareholders should accept the bid.

by 10.4 per cent while Steedley's have fallen by 48.7 per cent. Over the same period, Hepworth's earnings per ordinary share have decreased by 3.1 per cent, Steedley's by 71.6 per cent. Based on the dividends of the two groups proposed for 1982, the ordinary offer would provide accepting shareholders with a significant increase in income, he adds.

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The Over-the-Counter Market

Table with columns: 1982/83, 1981/82, High, Low, Company, Price, Change, % Change, P/E Ratio, Dividend Yield. Lists various companies like Asst Brit Ind Otd, Asst Brit Ind CULS, etc.

COMMODITIES

Table of commodity prices including LONDON METAL EXCHANGE, SOYABEAN MEAL, INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM EXCHANGE, LONDON GOLD FUTURES, etc.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

Harrison Cowley (Holdings) Year to 31.12.82 Pretax profit: £558,000 (£520,000) Stated earnings, 5.1p (4.9p) Turnover, £17.64m (£18.01m) Net dividend, 4.2p (3.85p)

John Crossley Group Year to 31.12.82 Pretax profit, £48,000 (£270,000 loss) Stated earnings, 1.1p (loss 7.9p) Turnover, £5.61m (£3.88m) Net dividend, nil (nil)

Webster Group Year to 31.12.82 Pretax profit, £1.48m (£1.32m) Stated earnings, 7.86p (7.14p) Turnover, £40.3m (£37.43m) Net dividend, 2.7p (2.5p)

Cussons Property Group Year to 31.12.82 Pretax profit, £1.3m (£1.25m) Stated earnings, 14.64p (15.61p) Turnover, £5.85m (£5.22m) Net dividend, 5.1p (2.9p)

Tilbury Group Year to 31.12.82 Pretax profit, £2.5m (£2.17m) Stated earnings, 14.63p (13.63p) Turnover, £4.45m (£47.32m) Net dividend, 5.0p (4.17p)

Bousted Year to 31.12.82 Pretax profit, £452,000 (£1.42m) Stated earnings (loss) 0.3p (profit 1.32p) Turnover, £46.5m (£44.44m) Net dividend, 1.25p (1.25p)

Base Lending Rates table listing rates for various banks like ABN Bank, Barclays, BCCI, etc.

Large advertisement for BTR-Tilling featuring a large 'GROWTH' graphic, bar charts showing earnings per share from 1978 to 1982, and the slogan 'There's no comparison. BACK THE BTR BID'.

Advertisement for Schroder Sterling Fixed Interest Fund Limited, including details about shares, application process, and contact information for J. Henry Schroder Wegg & Co. Limited.

Advertisement for THE EDINBURGH INVESTMENT TRUST, including a preliminary statement for the year ended 31 March, 1983, and details about the fund's geographical analysis and share price.

Robson backs experience and loyalty to upset Hungarians once again

The outcome of England's match against Hungary in the European Championship... By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent



Wilkins, old hand who is young at heart.

Two famous clubs with a single aim

A quick look at the European Cup roll of honour reveals the absence of two outstanding clubs - Hamburg and Juventus... By Stuart Jones

Germans find a 'new Mueller'

The extrovert, Schatzschneider has disappointed one or two of his opponents this season... By Stuart Jones

Smee to outbid Maxwell

Roger Smee, the former Reading player, claims he now has enough money to outbid Robert Maxwell... By Stuart Jones

No aid for struggling Wigan

Wigan Athletic, the financially troubled third division club, are unlikely to get help from the local council... By Stuart Jones

Logie century stretches West Indian lead

Bridgeport, Barbados (Reuters) - Augustine Logie scored his maiden Test century on his fourth appearance... By Stuart Jones

Sheene gets a factory Suzuki for Monza race

Barry Sheene is to have a factory prepared Suzuki engine and join the factory-backed HB-Suzuki team for Sunday's Italian Grand Prix... By Stuart Jones

Hardie to drop action against Brown

Cordon Brown, the former Scotland and Wales forward who recently published his autobiography... By Stuart Jones

Billiards champion puts the screws on Griffiths

Terry Griffiths made hard work of his first round match in the world professional snooker championship... By Stuart Jones

Table with 2 columns: Fixture, Result. Includes European Cup, UEFA Cup, and other football matches.

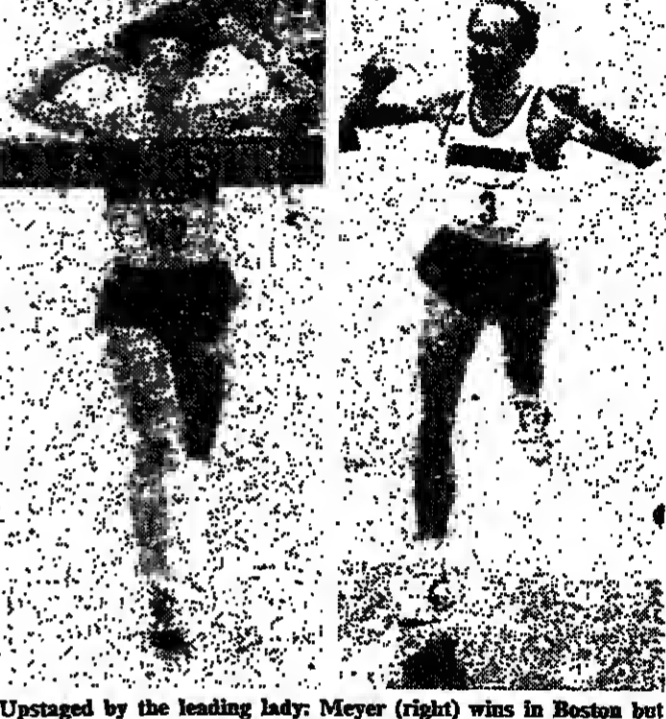
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United get a Sharp reminder

By Leslie Duxbury. Liverpool are virtually certain of becoming League champions by kind permission of their neighbours... By Stuart Jones



Upstaged by the leading lady: Meyer (right) wins in Boston but Miss Benoit is the star.

Stars on horizon

The significance of people's marathons, and the attraction of Olympic gold medal winners and world record-holders in a family sport... By Stuart Jones

Cutter a surprise choice

David Cutter, a 21-year-old Durham University student, is the most surprising inclusion in the Welsh squad to play two internationals... By Stuart Jones

Other hockey, page 25

FOR THE RECORD

Table with 2 columns: Event, Result. Includes baseball, ice hockey, and other sports records.

Shanipour can measure up to a tall reputation

Both flat racing and jumping are today's headlines. Cheltenham features the Anglo-Irish jockeys challenge match, sponsored by Courage. And if the go-ahead is given after a 7.30 inspection at Epsom, where racing was called off yesterday, our top trainers will be testing each other's classic defences in the Warren Stakes, run over the Derby course and distance.

RACING

Forbidden Fruit is sweet for Eton boy

Giles Smyth, a 16-year-old Eton schoolboy who won the Haydock Adjuvance Hunt race a week ago on his first ride, Forbidden Fruit, returned to win the Novice Riders' Open on the same horse at the Hunt's second meeting yesterday.

Mottram makes the day notable

By Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent
The Stars Express Classic, one of five British tournaments on the men's grand circuit coordinated with the help of Volvo's bank account, slipped into first gear yesterday with a series of matches featuring winners like Wally Masur and losers like Alberto Tomba.

TENNIS



Gimenez: a look of anxiety as defeat looms large yesterday.

assumption one of yesterday's most interesting results was Christopher Mottram's 6-2-6-2 win over Angel Gimenez, who won the tournament in 1980, was runner-up last year, but was in the draw this time only as a wild card, which is to say that the organizers, rather than his world ranking, decided he deserved to compete.

Point-to-point, by Ian Reid
Delahoue looked sure to complete a treble with the classy and gruffly facied Border Burg in the restricted open. But Tom Hillyer took his iron at the third fence, and, although he performed miracles in staying afloat and steering the hard-pulling favourite, an over bold leap at the third from home had them on the floor. James Terry on Barbara's Bunny then took command, but they came down at the next, leaving Mrs Annis Garfield to take it at her leisure on Percy Duckett.

Berry maintains his strike rate
Jack Berry's 41-1 double with Lady Carr and Blackpool Belle at Wetherhampton on Wednesday afternoon secured the Lancashire trainer's score this flat season to 13. He has already turned out nearly half as many winners from his Cockerham stable as he did at last year, when his successes netted £52,000.

Can you believe that in terms of the quantity of entertainment provided that it, the number of matches over 35 was an average of almost £2,000 a match more than today's heroes of the grand prize circuit? Nor does it say much for the modern game that it was in the draw this time only as a wild card, which is to say that the organizers, rather than his world ranking, decided he deserved to compete.

Stomach pains force Lloyd out
Las Vegas (Reuter) - John Lloyd, defeated Johan Kriek, the number five seed, 7-6, 6-1 to win the singles final of the US\$25,000 Pacific Southwest Open.

Epsom

- DRW advantage: Low numbers best. [Television (TV) 2.35, 3.10 and 3.40].
Total: Double 3.10, 4.10. Treble 2.35 3.40, 4.45.
2.0 BANSTED STAKES (2-Y-O maidens; £1,693; 5f) (6 runners)

Cheltenham NH

- Total: double 3.5, 4.25. Treble: 2.30, 4.30, 5.0
[Television (BBC1) 2.30, 3.5 and 4.30 races]
2.0 CHARLES TURNER HUNTERS CHASE (amateurs; £2,000; 3m) (15 runners)

3.40 HAPPY EATER HURDLE (handicap; £3,250; 3m)

- 1 5100 OSCAR WILDE F Wether 9-11-13 G Grant
2 294 ROADSTER P Bally 7-11-4 G Sanderson
3 4088 PARKER (C) R Bally 11-4 T Carmody
4 4288 THE WOODLAND M J Herry 11-4 T Carmody
5 2000 BARON BLAGOYEV (C) M J Pegg 10-1-10 H Barry
6 3030 DEEP MYSTERY (C) M J Pegg 11-10-10 H Barry

2.35 WARREN STAKES (3-Y-O; £4,700; 1m 4f) (8)

- 201 4111-N JOURN FRENCH (C) G Egan 9-3-9 W Carroll
202 421- REDDEN (C) M Batty 9-3-9 W Carroll
204 014-01 HARLEY M (Shuttl) Dunc 9-12 J Piggott
205 001-010 MTLING (M J Pegg) R Blythe 9-12 J Piggott
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2.30 COURAGE DIRECTORS HURDLE (handicap; £3,250; 2m) (9)

- 1 5331 DEEP HERO (D) F Wether 9-11-12 E J Barry
2 2002 GREAT LIGHT J Jorvis 11-10 J Barry
3 4002 HOBSON (C) G Gilroy 6-11-6 J Barry
4 3840 O'BRYEN (C) R Price 9-11-6 E J Barry
5 1134 DUNELLOT (C) M J Pegg 9-11-6 E J Barry

4.25 HOFMEISTER LAGER HURDLE (handicap; £2,574; 2m) (8)

- 1 1140 AMBANCE (C) P Bally 11-10 R Strangé
2 1121 RA NOVA J Jorvis 11-7 P Barton
3 1910 BURNING RAIN (C) R Price 9-11-6 E J Barry
4 0001 THE CHEVAL D'ARLON 10-10 P Scallan
5 0001 THE CHEVAL D'ARLON 10-10 P Scallan

3.10 CITY AND SUBURBAN HANDICAP (£4,084; 1m 2f) (13)

- 2001 2240-0 CANNON KING (C) J Dunlop 7-10 W Carson
2002 1000-0 JOURN FRENCH (C) M Batty 9-3-9 W Carroll
2003 1192-0 FREED PRESS (C) M J Pegg 11-4 T Carmody
2004 800-014 FLORENTIA (C) R Blythe 9-12 J Piggott
2005 2100-0 JOURN FRENCH (C) M Batty 9-3-9 W Carroll

3.05 COURAGE BEST CHASE (handicap; £3,250; 2m) (4)

- 1 1001 MARGO TRIP J Blythe 10-11-4 T Carmody
2 0011 DUNELLOT (C) M J Pegg 9-11-6 E J Barry
3 2191 KINGS ROYALTY (C) J Dunlop 7-10 W Carson
4 0011 DUNELLOT (C) M J Pegg 9-11-6 E J Barry

5.0 ANCHOR HOTELS HURDLE (novice; £1,862; 2m) (21)

- 1 4266 AMELIE F Wether 9-11-12 E J Barry
2 3140 DEEP HERO (D) F Wether 9-11-12 E J Barry
3 0001 EVER-SO-SURE (C) M Batty 9-3-9 W Carroll
2002 1204 LEAN AN ARIEN (C) R Blythe 9-12 J Piggott
2003 1910 BURNING RAIN (C) R Price 9-11-6 E J Barry

4.10 HYDE PARK STAKES (2-Y-O; £1,604; 5f) (4)

- 501 12 SHOW CARD (C) (Eve Holding) G Lewis 9-4 G Starkey
502 12 TORRYMORE (C) (P Luby) A Price 9-2 E Hogg
503 1204 LEAN AN ARIEN (C) R Blythe 9-12 J Piggott
504 1204 LEAN AN ARIEN (C) R Blythe 9-12 J Piggott

Ripon

- Draw advantage: low numbers best
2.45 GREVILLE THORPE STAKES (2-Y-O; £1,800; 5f) (11 runners)
1 11 LAK LUSTRE (C) R Price 9-3 E Taylor
2 0001 EVER-SO-SURE (C) M Batty 9-3-9 W Carroll

4.15 DANBY HANDICAP (Selling; £577; 1m) (15)

- 1 0001 EVER-SO-SURE (C) M Batty 9-3-9 W Carroll
2 0001 EVER-SO-SURE (C) M Batty 9-3-9 W Carroll
3 0001 EVER-SO-SURE (C) M Batty 9-3-9 W Carroll

Wolverhampton results

- 2.0 (2.05) CYCLAMEN STAKES (2-Y-O; £2,500; 5f) (13 runners)
3.0 (3.05) PRINCE OF WALES (2-Y-O; £1,500; 5f) (13 runners)
3.45 (3.45) STAYERS HANDICAP (2-Y-O; £1,500; 5f) (13 runners)
4.0 (4.05) RYAN STAKES (2-Y-O; £1,500; 5f) (13 runners)

1.15 MILE BEGINS AT FORTY STAKES (amateurs; £1,500; 1m) (25)

- 2 01-00 BURLINGTON Lad 9-11-10 Mather 7-10
3 0001 EVER-SO-SURE (C) M Batty 9-3-9 W Carroll
4 0001 EVER-SO-SURE (C) M Batty 9-3-9 W Carroll

4.45 FOUNTAINS HANDICAP (3-Y-O; £1,648; 5f) (7)

- 5 0001 EVER-SO-SURE (C) M Batty 9-3-9 W Carroll
6 0001 EVER-SO-SURE (C) M Batty 9-3-9 W Carroll
7 0001 EVER-SO-SURE (C) M Batty 9-3-9 W Carroll

2.30 (2.30) FORTNET-NOT STAKES (2-Y-O; £2,575; 5f)

- BLACPOLE BELLE (C) by The British-Sovereign (5f) (11 runners)
3.0 (3.05) PRINCE OF WALES (2-Y-O; £1,500; 5f) (13 runners)
3.45 (3.45) STAYERS HANDICAP (2-Y-O; £1,500; 5f) (13 runners)

3.45 STUDEY ROYAL HANDICAP (3-Y-O; £1,730; 1m) (12)

- 3 0001 EVER-SO-SURE (C) M Batty 9-3-9 W Carroll
4 0001 EVER-SO-SURE (C) M Batty 9-3-9 W Carroll
5 0001 EVER-SO-SURE (C) M Batty 9-3-9 W Carroll

Ripon selections

- 1 0001 EVER-SO-SURE (C) M Batty 9-3-9 W Carroll
2 0001 EVER-SO-SURE (C) M Batty 9-3-9 W Carroll
3 0001 EVER-SO-SURE (C) M Batty 9-3-9 W Carroll

ROWING

Baillieu to win again
By Richard Burnett
The Wingfield Sculls, the Amateur Championship of the Thames and of Britain, to give it its full title, takes place over the Putney to Mortlake championship course this evening starting at 6 pm.

England in fixture clash

By Sydney Friskin
An unfortunate clash of interest has forced England to withdraw from the Olympic Games at Los Angeles in 1984 according to a statement made in Kuala Lumpur, yesterday by the Fédération Internationale de Hockey. So far only the United States, as host country, are assured of their place.

England on target for lively win

From Joyce Whitehead
Kuala Lumpur
After the disappointment of failing to qualify for the semi-final round of the World Cup England defeated Scotland 5-1 yesterday and the United States beat New Zealand 2-1, scoring the winner from the short corner in the last minute.

CRICKET: LOOKING FOR THE NEW SEASON'S GOLD AT THE END OF THE RAINBOW

Failure's fruit has the seeds of tomorrow's improvements

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

A continuation of one of the main reasons for a long time has been the postponement of the start of the first-class cricket season... What has happened, many must have wondered...



Covans and Dilley: a pair that could yet match the best.

Getting a significant acquisition could be holding... Though disappointed last September not to be on the plane to Australia...

England continue the search for opening batsmen... Though disappointed last September not to be on the plane to Australia...

Colombo (Reuters) - Suburban batting by the young players on the Sri Lanka Cricket Control Board President's XI yesterday prevented the Australians scoring a victory...

BOXING

Bugner could silence the man of few words

By Alan Hubbard

Danny Sutton, a former South Carolina farm boy, seems unlikely to stretch either the repertoire or reputation of Joe Bugner in their second round bout...

It is hard to see what Bugner can gain from tonight's outing... The result of Sutton's rumbustious opening onslaught with Shavers will take place on the carrier USS Yorktown...

Colombo (Reuters) - Duleep Mendis, who led the teams that beat Australia in two one-day matches last week, was yesterday named as Sri Lanka's captain for the first-ever Test between the two countries...

CYCLING

On the attack and then defeated

By John Wilkinson

Britain's home-based professionals marked their return to international stage racing with an impressive show of attacking in the first stage of the Sealink Race...

Trainer's theory

New York (Reuters) - As boxers tend to beat fighters the second time around, according to Emmanuel Steward, Milton McCrory's trainer...

GOLF

US champion in move to join Britain's women

The Women's Professional Golf Association is now finalising the administrative aspects of the Professional Golfers' Association...

County president's 50 years with Northants

Dennis Brookes, the president of Northamptonshire Cricket Club, celebrated a golden jubilee yesterday...

Taylor ruled out after unlucky break

Leicestershire have suffered a blow on the eve of the new cricket season with Les Taylor, their fast bowler, breaking his right elbow in a training accident...

Sri Lankans hang on to foil Australians

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Chancery Division

Law Report April 20 1983

Proper assessment of land deals tax

Yull v Fletcher (Inspector of Taxes) Where Mr Justice Walton (judgment delivered April 15)...

Court of Appeal

Experienced judges still err in summing up over standard of proof

Regina v Quinn In summing up on the standard of proof a judge must tell the jury that they must be satisfied of the accused's guilt...

IN BRIEF

Leicester not to risk Dodge

Leicester, already without Dusty Hare, who is unavailable for the joint Player Rugby Union Cup final...

PERSONAL COLUMNS

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For Manager of their Incoming Department. Travels back to UK for 2 weeks per month...

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SUPERIOR LUXURY DEVELOPMENT OF NEW FLATS
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S.W.7.
A magnificent, beautifully decorated family flat spanning the entire 1st floor of 2 elegant period buildings...

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4th floor flat, P.B. Block, large double bedroom, kitchen, gas C.H. Lift, modernised, very attractive, low outgoings, long lease.

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Rare opportunity to purchase 2 adjoining flats. Sit in family friendly with street.

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Excellent condition. Sit on quiet road, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 reception rooms, 11 ft high ceilings, 15 ft wide frontage...

MAIDA VALE
RANDOLPH CRESCENT
Large sunny first floor flat, 2 beds, kitchen/breakfast room, reception, access to communal garden, independent gas supply.

PUTNEY
Victorian terraced photograph studio. Very nice modern kitchen, bathroom, shower, etc. Charming south facing rear garden.

CHICHESTER
2 bed roomed Edwardian cottage, 21 period.

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Sunny & spacious 2 bed flat. Large sitting/dining room with balcony. Fully fitted kitchen, shower, etc.

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The FINAL phase has just been released. If you have not visited this very special development yet soon and see the gardens, swimming pools, tennis courts, tennis courts, etc.

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At 250 metres from Casiro in the heart of Monte Carlo. A luxurious development of studios, 2 & 4-room flats.

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North west of the city on the French side of the Jura mountains, a beautiful country property with 12 immaculate, sleeps 12.

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Dispersed 9 miles, Reading 11 miles, London 45 miles
A MOST ATTRACTIVE FAMILY HOUSE
In an outstanding rural position

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Ideally situated in the centre of a popular village

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CAMBRIDGE
40 MINUTES KINGS CROSS
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In picturesque river valley, 5 bedroom cottage, fully fitted kitchen with Aga cooker, 4 double bedrooms, gas fired central heating.

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Price: £157,000 Freehold
A Listed Grade II residence set in about 1/2 acres of well landscaped lawn, lovely setting bordered by a shallow river just beyond the edge of the village.

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Chartered Valuation
Surveyors and Estate Agents.
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Telephone Hitchin 52225

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A fine Victorian house divided into 3 self-contained flats.
FLAT 1: 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, dining room, kitchen, lounge, 2 beds. FLATS 2 & 3: each having 2 beds, 1 bathroom, kitchen, garage, attractive plots.

EAST SUSSEX
Attractive modern house, country setting, 13 acres, superb views, large dining room, 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 living rooms, 4 beds, 2 baths (1 en suite), double garage, tennis court, 12 miles South Downs.

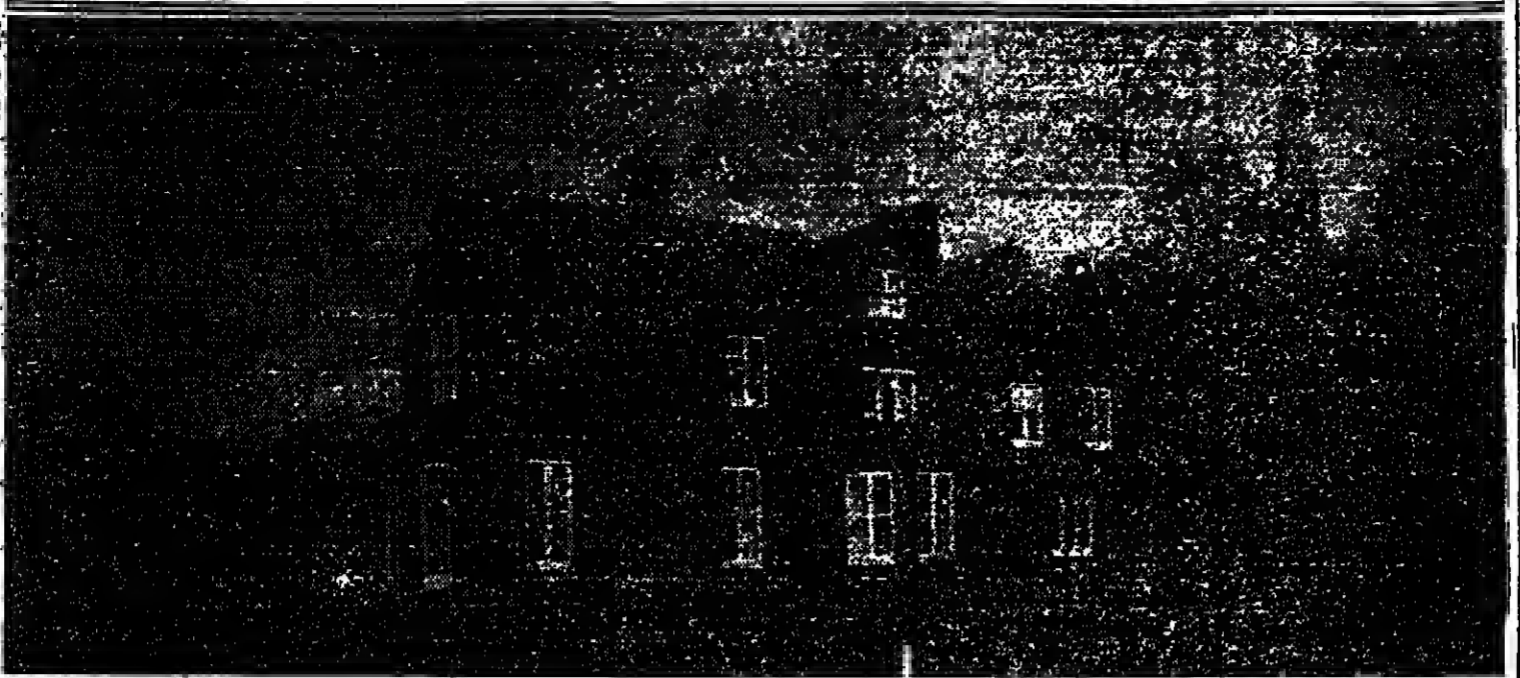
MAYFIELD VILLAGE
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Residential property Baron Phillips



This old rectory at Wickham Bishops near Witham, Essex, dates from the seventeenth century. The house has three reception rooms, seven bedrooms and four bathrooms. Its 4 1/2 acres include a well laid-out garden with hard tennis court, outbuildings, large pond, paddock and two-bedroom cottage. Through Lane Fox & Partners, price guide £160,000.

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Falling church attendances and rising maintenance and heating costs have combined to produce a wealth of former vicarages coming on the market in recent years. And what splendid country homes they make, being mainly detached with up to six bedrooms and three or four reception rooms.

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Humberts

Wiltshire
Devises 6 miles, Salisbury 19 miles.
An elaborately restored manor house with fine galleried great hall, 3 reception rooms, 7 main bedrooms, 8 secondary bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, 2 cloakrooms, 2 kitchens, partial of central heating, staff accommodation.

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A luxury cottage within a specialised retirement complex, 2 reception rooms, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, kitchen, central heating, Garaging. Small private garden.

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Unique Residential and Business property for sale as a going concern in an ideal country setting of approx. 2 1/2 acres, the country consists of 2 self-contained flats, each with 3 bedrooms, kitchen, bathroom and a minimum of one three Armie Canteens each with two double bedrooms.

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AUSTIN - On April 17th, at Devon...
BOYLE - On 16th April, in Dubai, to...

DEATHS
TANCOCK - On April 17th, 1983, Mrs...

DEATHS
BAKER BAKER - On 18th April, 1983, Mrs...

DEATHS
CHAMBERLAIN - On 17th April, 1983, Mrs...

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DORRIS - On 18th April, 1983, Mrs...

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FINCH - On 17th April, in hospital, Mrs...

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HOLDEN - On April 17th, 1983, Mrs...

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HOLLAND - On 16th April, 1983, Mrs...

DEATHS
KAY - On 17th April, in hospital, Mrs...

DEATHS
LLOYD - On April 16th, after a short...

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MURPHY - On 17th April, in hospital, Mrs...

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Today's television and radio programmes

Edited by Peter Dear

BBC 1

- 8.00 Central AM. News headlines, weather, sport and traffic details.
8.30 Breakfast Time presented by Frank Bough and Gaila Scott.
12.30 News After Noon with Richard Whitmore and Judith Stamper.

TV-am

- 6.00 Daybreak with Gavin Scott followed at 6.30 by Good Morning Britain presented by Linda Berry and Nick Owen.

ITV/LONDON

- 9.30 Sesame Street. Learning made fun with the Muppets.
12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy sing a song about characters on a Chinese Willow pattern plate.

BBC 2

- 6.05 Open University: Infant cognition 6.30 Perception: Cues and Schemes 6.55 Physics: Which Way to Turn?

CHANNEL 4

- 5.00 Chips Comic has a day out at Islington's City Farm.
5.30 Countdown. Another edition of the words and numbers game.

CHOICE

Lewis Wolpert, professor of Biology as Applied to Medicine at London's Middlesex Hospital and other distinguished scientists.

RADIO 3

- 6.55 Weather.
7.00 News.
8.00 Your Midweek Choice. Record requests: Dvorak, Faure, Suk.

RADIO 2

- 6.05am Ray McManis 7.30 Terry Wogan 10.00 Alan Wicks 12.00 Music While You Work 12.30 Gloria

Radio 4

- 4.00 News.
4.10 Just After Four.
4.15 File On 4.
4.20 Story Time. Goodbye to All That by Robert Graves (16+).

Radio 5

- 4.00 News.
4.05 News Briefing.
4.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Shipping Forecast.

Radio 1

- 6.05am Adrian Jones with The Early Show.
7.00 Steve Wright. 9.00 Simon Bates.
11.30 Mike Smith including 12.30 Newsday.

WORLD SERVICE

- 8.00am News. 9.00am World News. 10.00am World News. 11.00am World News.

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1 MF 1053kHz/285m or 1089kHz/275m. Radio 2 MF 693kHz/433m or 909kHz/330m.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

Regional television variations for BBC 1, BBC 2, CHANNEL 4, RADIO 1, RADIO 2, RADIO 3, RADIO 4, RADIO 5, SCOTTISH, HTV, ANGLIA, GRANADA, TSW, ULSTER, CHANNEL, YORKSHIRE, BORDER, GRAMPAIN, TYNE TEES, CENTRAL, and others.

LONDON FLATS

Advertisement for Shepherd's Hill Highgate NG, Elvaston Place SW7 Freehold, Knightsbridge, and other London properties.

DOMESTIC AND CATERING SITUATIONS REQUIRED

Advertisements for domestic and catering services in London, including cook/housekeeper and chef positions.

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal notices regarding property matters, including mortgages and tenancy agreements.

THEATRES

Theatrical listings for venues such as Apollo Victoria, Donmar Warehouse, and LONDON PALLADIUM.

APOLLO VICTORIA

Theatrical listings for Apollo Victoria Theatre, including 'The Wasting Game'.

DONMAR WAREHOUSE

Theatrical listings for Donmar Warehouse Theatre, including 'The Wasting Game'.

LONDON PALLADIUM

Theatrical listings for LONDON PALLADIUM Theatre, including 'The Wasting Game'.

PALACE

Theatrical listings for Palace Theatre, including 'The Wasting Game'.

OPERA & BALLET

Opera and ballet performances, including 'The Royal Opera' and 'English National Opera'.

CONCERTS

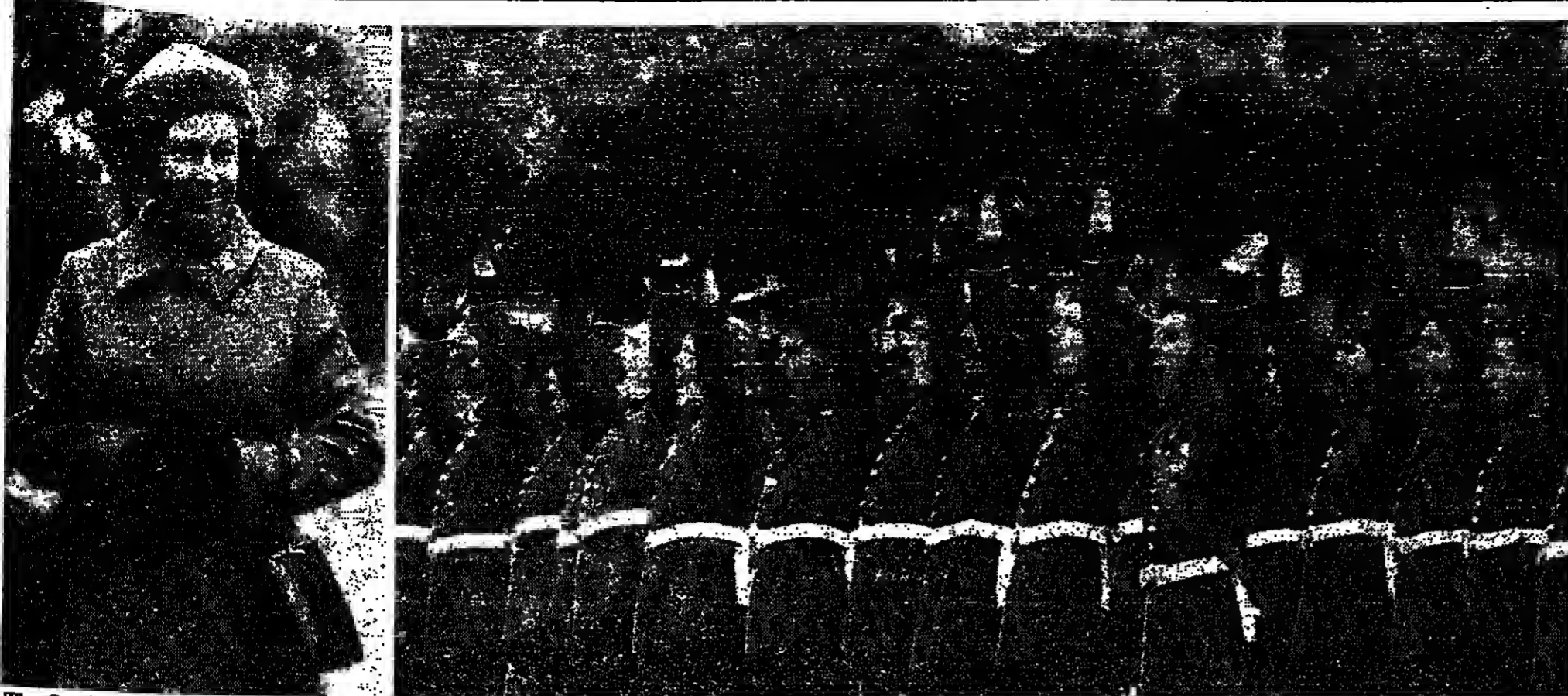
Concert listings for various venues, including 'Barbican Hall' and 'Royal Albert Hall'.

EXHIBITIONS

Exhibition listings, including 'Magna Carta Exhibition' and 'The World of the Vikings'.

ART GALLERIES

Art gallery listings, including 'The National Gallery' and 'The Tate Gallery'.



The Queen smiles in acknowledgement of the cheers of her guards after inspecting the Queen's Company of the Grenadier Guards at Windsor Castle

Frank Johnson in the Commons

Thatcher stricken with election fever

Mrs Thatcher had an attack of election fever in the Commons yesterday, the mystery disease which has had massive publicity for weeks and which can cause the premature death of entire governments. Last night she was undergoing treatment from Dr William Whitelaw and Dr Francis Pym, two top physicians who have devoted their lives to combating the killer virus after the terrible outbreak of February, 1974. And a warning went out to members of the public who live on the Conservative backbenches...

Reagan agrees silo bases for 100 MX missiles

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington "dense pack" formation at an air force base in Wyoming. The 11-member commission, which included six former defence secretaries, was set up by Mr Reagan after his rejection to work out a politically acceptable way of deploying the MX in testimony before a Senate committee on Monday. General Scowcroft admitted that his panel's recommendations were shaped as much by political considerations as military requirements. Although considerable opposition is expected from Congress to the new MX proposal, there seems an improved chance that it will be passed. Immediately after the President's endorsement Mr James Wright, the House Majority Leader, said he would support the new plan. "It's not ideal," he said. "But I think it is probably the best we can hope for."

British cash 'to update US mills'

Continued from page 1 A union spokesman said yesterday that it was not yet prepared to comment specifically on Mr Roderick's testimony other than to underscore its intention to oppose the joint venture if a deal is signed. "We are not prepared to lose American jobs to subsidized low-cost steel from abroad which is produced by a government-owned company, the spokesman warned. The union officials fear that if the British Steel venture is allowed to go through, then other American companies will pursue similar ventures with European and Asian producers which would result in the loss of thousands of domestic jobs.

TV-am dismisses Ford and Rippon

Continued from page 1 It is no secret that the company is in financial trouble. Last week two backers wrote off their financial investments in the firm. David Frost has also been dropped from presenting the show after the audience fell to about 400,000 during weekdays and is now doing interviews. Miss Rippon, before her dismissal, had also been moved in favour of the relatively unknown Lynda Berry. An executive at TV-am, who asked not to be named, said yesterday that "paranoia was stalking the corridors. I think everybody is a bit afraid. Very few people have been able to give their best through lack of confidence". He added that after the power struggle between Mr Michael Deakin, the programme controller, which ended in Mr Jay's dismissal last month, it was "difficult to see how Anna and Angela could survive after their comments to the press."

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events Royal engagements Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother opens a Luncheon Club and Day Centre for the West Indian elderly at Ralston Road, Brixton, 3. Princess Margaret visits the factory of Bryant and May, Garston, Merseyside, 11.45; and for the 80th anniversary of the National Art Collections Fund she attends a concert at the Barbican, 6.45. The Duke of Gloucester opens the new civic offices, Woking, Surrey, 2.30. Princess Michael of Kent presents Sony Radio Award trophies at the Hilton International Hotel, 12.30.

New exhibitions Ceramics, wallhangings, paintings and prints by Alastair Dunn, Frances Neave and Peter Howson, MacLaurin Art Gallery, Rozelle Park, Ayr, Mon to Sat 11 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (from today until May 1). Paintings by prisoners, Tumbidge Wells Art Gallery, Civic Centre, Mount Pleasant, Mon to Fri 10 to 5.30 (from today until May 4).

New books - hardback The Library Editor's selection of interesting books published this week: A Handbook of Roman Art, edited by Martin Henig (Penguin, £15). The Journal of the Painter and his Landscape, by Michael Rosenthal (Yale, £15.95). Irish Coastal Art, Traveller's Portrait of Ireland, by Heinrich Boll (Socor & Wartburg, £7.95).



The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,108

A crossword puzzle grid with numbers in the starting squares. The grid is 10 squares wide and 15 squares high.

Airbus service

London Transport will add a third route to its Airbus services between central London and Heathrow Airport beginning on Saturday. The new route A3 will run daily during the morning and early afternoon, linking Euston and main hotel areas with all three terminals at Heathrow. Airbus route A2 (Paddington to Heathrow) will revert to its former more direct route via Holland Park Avenue, because Kensington High Street will be served by route A3.

Roads

London and South-east A2: Roadworks all day at several places on Old Kent Road, Southwark. M1: Two lanes southbound approaching junction 7 (M10 turn-off). M4: One lane only westbound at junction 11 (Reading). A3: Roadworks both ways at Millford. Wales and West A37: Temporary signals at Penford, Bristol to Midsomer Norton. M5: Lane closures both ways between junction 10 (Cheltenham) and 12 (Gloucester). A483: Traffic lights at places between Landrindod Wells and Newtown.

Anniversaries

Births: Adolf Hitler, Braunau am Inn, Austria, 1889; Harold Lloyd, film actor, Burchard, Nebraska, 1893. Deaths: Casalezza, Venice, 1768; Braun Stoker, theatrical manager and author (Dracula), London, 1912; Samuel Rutherford Creech, novelist, Avignon, France, 1914.

ACROSS

- 1 Hit slightly and injured Rip ran outside (7). 5 Remove the water provided, we bear, for the steward (7). 9 Town disrupted by rows? Yes and no (4-2-3). 10 These parts of the test contain no French poetry (5).

The pound

Table showing exchange rates for various currencies including Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Hongkong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, USA, and Yugoslavia.

The papers

The women's revolt of the past 20 years against men who would consign them to an inferior rank has been natural and right, the Daily Mirror says. But like all resolutions, it has excesses which cannot be defended. For five years Mr Michael Foot was a member of a Labour Cabinet that was committed to nuclear weapons, the Sun says. Now he "provides his miserable apology for peace at any price."

Lighting-up time

Table showing sunrise and sunset times for various locations across the UK, including London, Birmingham, Liverpool, Manchester, and Glasgow.

DOWN

- 1 Rabbit-skin perhaps or mare's tail is all the rage (6). 2 Visible perception (7). 3 Schedule for gaining weight (9). 4 No wonder DDT is scattered and pressed underfoot (4-7). 5 Run half a mile (3).

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Social Security and Housing Benefits Bill, committee and remaining stages. Lords (2.30): Debate on energy resources.

Highest and lowest

Table showing highest and lowest temperatures for various locations across the UK, including London, Birmingham, Liverpool, Manchester, and Glasgow.